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A long-tailed pea blue

Long-tailed Pea-blue or Pea-pod Argus

*Lampides boeticus*

The Long-tailed Pea-blue is quite a common little butterfly in gardens, because its caterpillars eat the buds and flowers of legumes, including garden peas. It is a quick flyer, but pauses long enough when feeding or laying eggs to be readily recognized.



*Lampides boeticus* The underside of a Long-tailed Pea-blue