

Chlorinda



10 mm

Silky Hairstreak, Tasmanian Hairstreak

Pseudalmenus chlorinda zephyrus

Although quite uncommon on the NSW South coast, the Tasmanian hairstreak has been found at several localities between the Budawang Ranges and the Victorian border, and its range extends west to the Grampians. Other subspecies with slightly different patterning occur both to the north and in Tasmania. It breeds on a variety of wattle trees, in very local colonies, and the caterpillars and pupae always have a small black ant around them. The butterflies emerge in the Spring, and continue until around Christmas.