

Hyacinth



20 mm

Varied Dusky-blue; Dusky Blue

Candalides hyacinthinus

Common in eucalypt forest, and occasionally venturing into the garden, the Dusky Blue can be found from Spring to Autumn. Its caterpillars eat the twining parasitic Dodder Laurel (e.g. *Cassytha pubescens*). Males perch on twigs or grass stems in sunny glades, protecting an area from other males, particularly on hill-tops.

The male (below) is more purple on top than the brown-black female on the left.

