

Labradus



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A male Common Grass Blue

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Zizinia labradus

This little grey-blue butterfly is the commonest species in Australia. It is found throughout the continent wherever there are legumes, either native or introduced (It is also known as the Lucerne Blue, a name which reflects its tastes). Since so many legumes grow among the grass, it is generally found fluttering low on the lawn or in the flower garden. It looks more grey than blue when flying, but if it opens its wings, the pretty purplish upper side is visible.



A female common grass blue (broader dark wing margins and slightly larger)

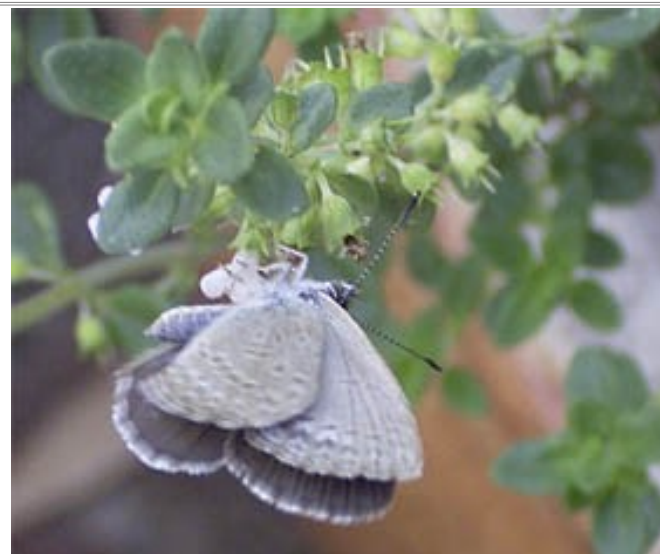


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A Common Grass Blue feeding at Marjoram (Oregano) flowers.



A Common Grass Blue seeking moisture from damp gravel



A Common Grass Blue on thyme.