

Plexippus



50 mm

Wanderer or Monarch

Danaus plexippus plexippus

The Wanderer butterfly is an immigrant from America, where it is called the Monarch. It arrived in Australia in the 1870-s and is now found around eastern Australia from Cape York to Adelaide, and in Perth. Its caterpillars eat the introduced milk-weed at which this male is also feeding. The female is a little darker, and does not have the two small black lumps near the inner edge of the hind-wing veins.