

Symmomus



20 mm

A Splendid Ochre feeding at a Buddleia flower

Splendid Ochre

Trapezites symmomus

This is certainly the largest of the NSW South Coast Skippers, and is quite commonly seen during mid- to late-summer. The butterfly feeds on nectar from small flowers such as the buddleia shown in the photos, or Rice flowers (*Pimelea*). As with all skippers, its flight is quick, with an occasional 'skip' or bounce as it moves from flower to flower. The caterpillars eat Mat-rush (*Lomandra spp.*, *longifolia* most commonly).

