



Common Brown Butterfly
(*Heteronympha merope*)



Male

Wingspan: Males 56mm, Females 64mm

Behaviour: males fly slowly close to the ground over grasses in the early season

Habitat: suburban gardens, grassy woodland, & dry eucalypt open forests.

Active period of Adults: Summer

Status/distribution: common in NE Victoria

Additional notes: Adults have a single circle spot that looks like an eye at the side of each wing. Females are bigger, look like 2 different species, they have yellow patches on each forewing, & 4 single eye spots on all 4 wings. These insects are often found resting on the ground in amongst dry grass on hot days, you'll often find them early in the morning when its beginning to warm up & late in the afternoon.

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