

Silver-studded blue ID guide

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Silver-studded blue butterflies are one of the stand-out species of our heathlands.

They are rare and have undergone major population declines, so any records of sightings are valuable in building up an accurate picture of how the species is faring.

Use this guide to help you ID and record silver-studded blues, helping land managers and Butterfly Conservation monitor one of our heathland stars.

Thank you!



Look out for silver-studded blues flying between June and August

Silver-blue spots on rear of hindwing

No spot near to the body on forewing



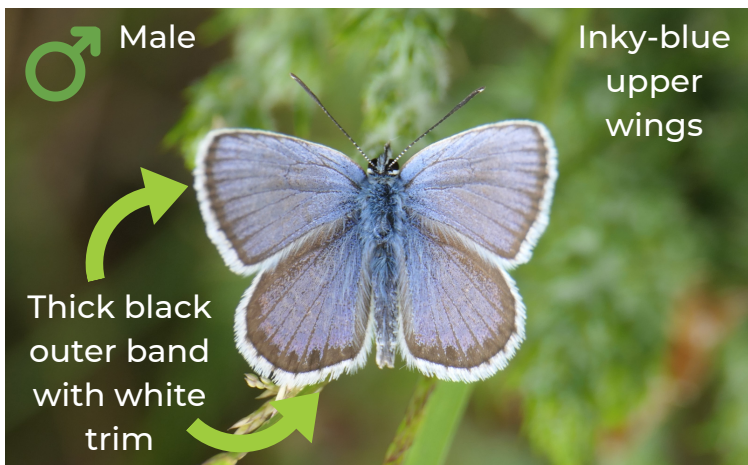
Silver-studded blues fly low and slowly over the heather



Male

Inky-blue upper wings

Thick black outer band with white trim

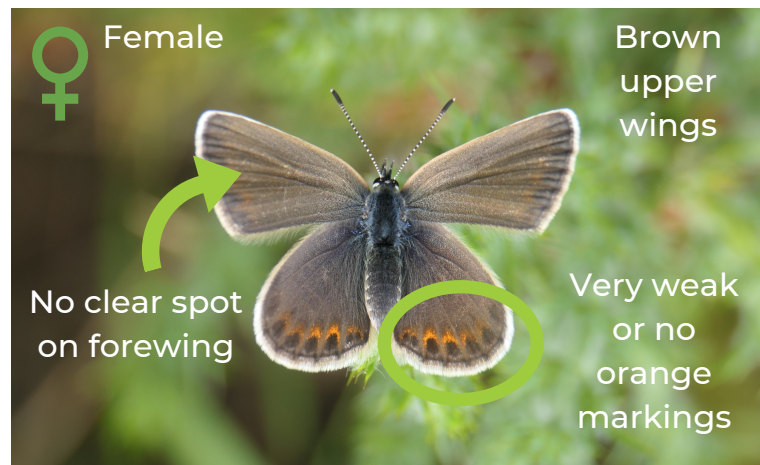


Female

Brown upper wings

No clear spot on forewing

Very weak or no orange markings



Short-cropped track-side heather is a great place to look for silver-studded blues

How can you help?

If you think you have seen a silver-studded blue on the heathland, take a photo if you can and log the sighting on the free "iRecord Butterflies" app.

All sightings are important!



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