Adonis Blue

Polyommatus bellargus (Rottemburg, 1775)

Wingspan: From 2.5 to 3.2 cm. Closed wings: Male butterflies DESCRIPTION are grevish or brown, and female brown. They have checked fimbriae. There is a dot in the forewings discal area. Large dots, out of which two are joined and separated from the rest, make a question mark. Orange spots are round and softly outlined in black. Open wings: They can hardly ever be seen resting with stretched wing. Both sexes have checked hairs (fimbriae). Male is bright blue, and female brown with orange spots on the outer margins.

KEY FOR VISUAL IDENTIFICATION



Checked fringe (fimbriae)

Round orange spots outlined in black

Dot in discal area

Two joined dots that are separated from the rest, makink a question mark

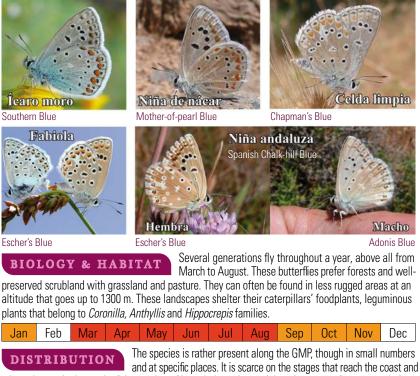


Checked fringe

SIMILAR SPECIES

Southern Blue: Dots are smaller, and there are no checked hairs. Mother-of-pearl Blue: It is light brown or whitish,

and without a dot in the discal area. The dots over it are smallerand it has pointed orange spots. There are no checked *fimbriae*. **Chapman's Blue**: It does not have a dot in the discal area. The dots over it are smaller, and it has pointed orange spots. There are no checked *fimbriae*. **Escher's Blue**: The dot is missing from the discal area. It does not have checked fringe *fimbriae*. **Spanish Chalk-hill Blue**: The dots on the hindwings are smaller. There are no orange spots or their size is smaller.



adapted areas in the north of the province. Nevertheless, there might exist traces of some populations at places with local vegetation.

