



Chapman's Green Hairstreak

Callophrys avis (Chapman, 1909)

DESCRIPTION

Wingspan: From 2.4 to 2.8 cm. **Closed wings:** Both wings are green. The margins are thin and brown, with white hairs (*fimbriae*). There are clearly marked wavy lines on the wings. In Spanish, it was named *Cejirrubia* [Blond Eyebrows], due to the fact that its eyes have reddish or a kind of orange colour around them. **Open wings:** This species never stretches its wings, which are dark brown.

KEY FOR VISUAL IDENTIFICATION



Thin brown margins
with white hairs
(fimbriae)

Wavy white
lines on the wings



Eyes outlined in red

SIMILAR SPECIES

Green Hairstreak: Generally, this species is bright green, and it has a series of dots on the hindwings, which often reduce to one dot. The eyes are outlined in white.



BIOLOGY & HABITAT

Only one generation flies per year in March and August, depending on the season. It, above all, lives in cork oaks groves, but also on scrubland with a lot of strawberry trees (*Arbutus unedo*), at shady and wet zones, such as rivers, streams and cattle tracks, where the redoul (*Coryaria myrtifolia*) can be found. Their caterpillars feed on these plants, especially, on the former one.

Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
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DISTRIBUTION

It is rarely seen in Málaga. There are only two spots, stage 28 and 32, where it can be found on the GMP. In the case of stage 32, the colony settled on a lonely strawberry tree, without any other example of its kind nor redouls miles away from there. This tree was burnt in a fire that happened in the Alpujata Mountains in 2012, but it started growing from its roots all over again. Chapman's Green Hairstreaks have not been seen since then.

They might be present in other places, above all in the Genal V alley and the Bermeja Mountains.

