



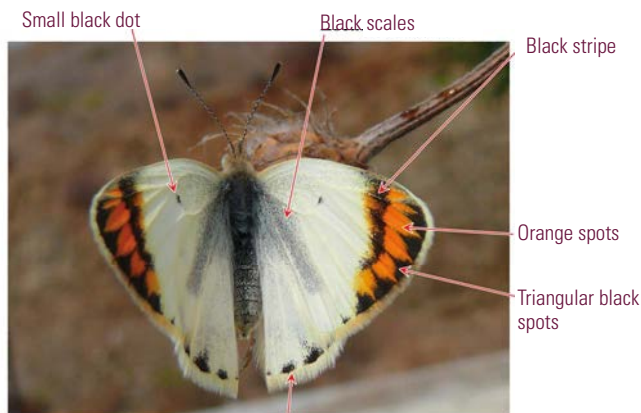
Desert Orange Tip / Small Orange Tip

Colotis evagore (Klug, 1829)

DESCRIPTION

Wingspan: From 2.8 to 4 cm. **Open wings:** On the forewings, black scales are scattered on the inner part at the base of the wings. There is a small dot in the centre of the wings, a black stripe on the apex, and triangular orange and black spots on the margins. We can see black spots on the hindwings margins. **Closed wings:** The hindwings are pale yellow with a small black dot and an orange spot next to it. Moreover, there are scales all over the wings.

KEY FOR VISUAL IDENTIFICATION





SIMILAR SPECIES

Although it seems similar to the male Orange-tip, these two species require completely different environment, so the surrounding where the Desert Orange Tip is likely to be found is a great clue for its identification.

BIOLOGY & HABITAT

This is an African species which spreads in Málaga during some seasons. It can be seen at the end of summer and beginning of autumn, while it is less common in winter.

It lives at places where the caper bush (*Capparis spinosa*), which its caterpillars feed on, is present. These plants can be found on the steep cliffs and rocky slopes, where vegetation is scarce. Above all, this is on the coast, but they do exist in the inland as well in rocky areas like olive groves and fallow fields.

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DISTRIBUTION

As this is a migratory species, it can be seen everywhere in the province when the weather is good for it. The butterflies sometimes reproduce around the coastal stages in La Axarquía, at the slopes and cliffs where caper bushes can be found. Some of them were seen at varied points along stage 32, which goes through Mijas. There also might be certain colonies along the stages in the north of the province, where capers are common.

