

BOOK REVIEW

BRABY M.F.: THE COMPLETE FIELD GUIDE TO BUTTERFLIES OF AUSTRALIA. CSIRO Publishing, Collingwood, VIC., 2004, 339 pp. (paperback). ISBN 0643090274. Price: AUST \$ 39.95.

This book is the first complete field guide to Australian butterflies (Papilionoidea and Hesperioidea). Records from Australia's remote islands are also included. The book is illustrated with excellent colour photographs and distribution maps for each of the 416 currently identified butterfly species. Most of the information comes from Michael F. Braby's monumental two-volume book *Butterflies of Australia: Their Identification, Biology and Distribution*, 976 pp., published by CSIRO Pub-

lishing in 2000 (see review in *Eur. J. Entomol.* **98**: 158, 2001), plus some additional data. The introductory general section contains details of life cycles, behaviour, distribution and biotopes of the families Hesperiidae, Papilionidae, Pieridae, Nymphalidae and Lycaenidae. One Australian species of Riodinidae is also included. A concise biological account of each of the 416 species makes up the major part of this field guide. The final parts contain an updated modern checklist of Australian butterflies, list of larval food plants, glossary and index to common and scientific names. We recommend this field guide to all butterfly enthusiasts, entomologists and conservationists, not only in Australia.

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