## Butterfly & Other Invertebrates Club Inc. (BOIC), Butterfly Survey, Boondall Wetlands, Brisbane Saturday 27 November 2021

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The days leading up to this particular Saturday had been plagued with rain and wind. Thought was given to postponing, however, the day before we experienced patches of sunshine and quite clear skies. A decision was made that the key people would still be going and everyone could make up their own minds and if they wished to attend, they could meet us at the designated meeting place.

As it turned out the morning was more or less perfect for walking and observing, not too hot and slightly overcast. Our group consisted of twelve (12) club members and three (3) visitors. A father and his teenage son, Murray and George, who are friends of BOIC members attended. Young George is very keen and would like to study science. He particularly wanted to learn how to use a butterfly net correctly. In a thank you note he expressed his thanks and just how much he enjoyed his learning experience from all the BOIC members present. Before we departed from the Environment Centre, there was a little excitement, as a few Swamp Tigers were very active around some bushes and put on an interesting display at the entrance. An unplanned meeting with another BOIC member who was also enjoying the flights of the Swamp Tigers was most welcomed and she joined us for the walk. Subsequent to this visit, I have seen the Swamp Tigers in the same spot and other BOIC members have reported that they have seen them at the entrance.

We ventured along the Nurri Millen Totem Trail and part of the mangrove section, as we did in September, to complete our second survey of the Boondall Wetlands. The same pattern emerged as previously on our survey of the 11 September. At the beginning of the trail, we easily identified a Dingy Ringlet and a Lemon Migrant with the Glasswings being noticeably fewer in number. Once again, we lingered around the spot where we had seen and identified the Tawny Coster in mid-February 2021 – it was not to be seen today. There has been many confirmed and reported sightings of the Tawny Coster this summer on the western side of Brisbane.

Although this was primarily a butterfly survey, a few members with keen eyes spotted some caterpillars and other invertebrates. Thanks to Annette Dexter and Rip and Janet Curtis.

We had a mid-morning break at the bird hide located in the mangrove section and then returned via the same track to the Environment Centre. A detailed list of our observations, identifications and photos are attached to this report.



















Fig. 1. BOIC group on the trail, © Rip & Janet Curtis

- Fig. 2. Dingy Ringlet, Hypocysta pseudirius, © Rip & Janet Curtis
- Fig. 3. Small Dusty Blue, *Erina erina*, © Rip & Janet Curtis
- Fig. 4. Swamp Tiger, *Danaus affinis*, © Rip & Janet Curtis
- Fig. 5. Swamp Tiger, Danaus affinis in a collection bottle, soon to be released, © Rip & Janet Curtis
- Fig. 6. Evening Brown, *Melanitis leda* bankia, caterpillar © Annette Dexter
- Fig. 7. Glasswing, Acraea andromacha, © Annette Dexter
- Fig. 8. Glasswing caterpillar, Acraea andromacha, © Annette Dexter
- Fig. 9. Lydia Lichen moth, Asura Lydia, © Rip & Janet Curtis
- Fig. 10. Triangled Noctuid, Trigonodes hyppasia, © Rip & Janet Curtis



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## (DATA TO BE INCLUDED IN THE BRISBANE'S BIG BUTTERFLY COUNT)

Common Name/Butterfly	Scientific Name/Butterfly	Nurri Millen Totem Trail & Part of the Mangrove Section
Lemon Migrant	Catopsilia pomona	Collected, identified and released between the hours of 9.30 am and 1.00 pm.  Notes:  Leading up to this day Brisbane had experienced two to three days of heavy rain. Clearing on the Friday afternoon.  The Saturday morning was fine, a little overcast, with glimpses of sun through the trees. The temperature was 24°C.
Dingy Ringlet	Hypocysta pseudirius	
Glasswing	Acraea andromacha	
Small Dusky Blue	Erina erina	
Common Crow	Euploea corinna	
Large Purple Line Blue	Nacaduba berenice	
Common/varied Eggfly	Hypolimnas bolina	
Small Green Banded Blue	Psychonotis caelius	
Wanderer/Monarch	Danaus plexippus	
Swamp Tiger	Danaus affinis	
Evening Brown	Melanitis leda bankia	
Satin Azure	Ogyris amaryllis	
Varied Dusky Blue	Erina hyacinthina	
Blue Tiger	Tirumala hamata	
Samphire Blue	Theclinesthes sulpitius	

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