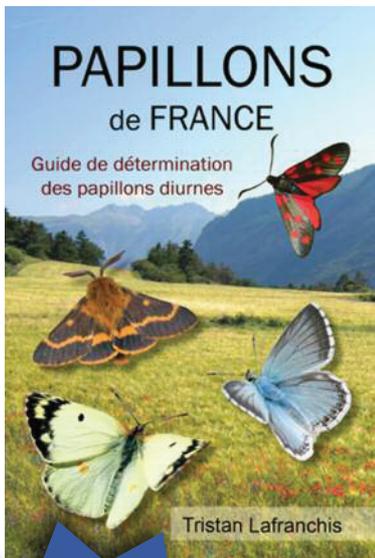


# Book Reviews



## Papillons de France

Author Tristan Lafranchis, published February 2014.

Text in French. An identification guide to the butterflies and day-flying moths of France with over 1200 colour photos. The format is one species per page with characteristic features clearly marked, it also includes an identification key for difficult groups. There are 270 distribution maps with a section on Burnet and day-flying moths.

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47€ in bookshops. ISBN 978-2-952-1620-5-0

Many users of Tristan's previous book 'Butterflies of Europe' had expressed a desire for an identification guide devoted uniquely to France and which included both butterflies and day-flying moths. His new book fulfils both these wishes.

### Life-size photographic illustrations

The introductory page for each group of species has life-size photographic illustrations, whilst subsequent photographs have been specifically enlarged to enable the diagnostic features to be more easily identified. The most relevant diagnostic features to help species verification are also highlighted and gender specific criteria are also indicated with gender symbols. The text has been reduced to a minimum to allow a maximum of space for the photographs. The names of host-plants are in French with an appendix of Latin plant and family names.

### La Vie des Papillons

Ideally Papillons de France is intended to be used in conjunction with "La Vie des Papillons" which is due to be published at the end of 2014. This new book "La Vie des Papillons" comprises 750 pages and is devoted to the ecology, biology and understanding of the butterflies of France. The book includes the latest research and discoveries in various related fields - biochemistry, genetics, ecology and biology.

### A section for the more challenging butterfly species

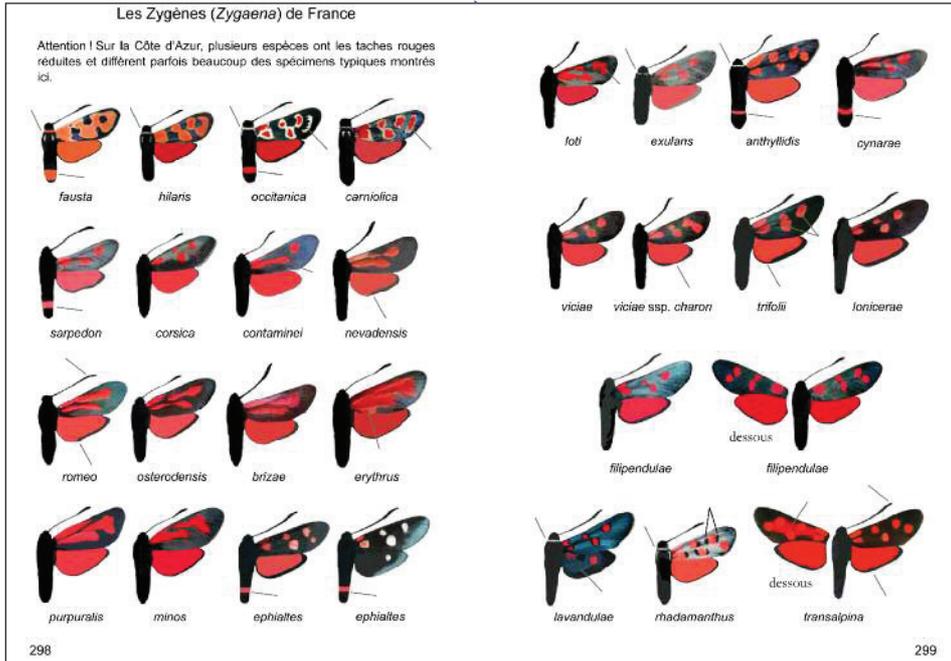
Papillons de France is a useful and timely update to Tristan's previous book Butterflies of Europe and a very welcome aid to all those working in the field in France. ▼

Purchase this book in the UK - see following page for more details

AZURES	LYCAENIDAE POLYOMMATINAE	AZURES	LYCAENIDAE POLYOMMATINAE
<b>Le Bleu-nacré</b>	<b><i>Lysandra coridon</i></b>	<b>Le Bleu-nacré espagnol</b>	<b><i>Lysandra hispana</i></b>
<p>bordure gris large et pleine</p> <p>franges blanches coupées de noir</p> <p>ocelles noirs petits à l'aile postérieure</p> <p>un point discal sur chaque aile</p> <p>taches orange petites aux ailes antérieure et postérieure</p> <p>un ocelle dans la cellule</p> <p>triangle blanc</p> <p>Abondant en pelouses sèches sur calcaire ou basalte jusqu'à 2500 m. Rare en Corse; ssp. <i>nufrenensis</i> dont les femelles sont blanches dessus (p. 141). Les femelles bleues du continent appartiennent à la f. <i>syngnatha</i> (p. 141). Juillet-début septembre. Chenille sur Hippocrépis à toupet.</p>		<p>Papillon variable (voir page suivante). Ressemble beaucoup au Bleu-nacré (<i>L. coridon</i>, ci-contre). Les papillons volant au printemps sont toujours des Bleu-nacrés espagnols. Les 4 papillons de cette page appartiennent à la 2<sup>e</sup> génération qui vole en été en même temps que <i>coridon</i>.</p> <p>ocelles noirs plutôt gros, de même taille aux ailes antérieure et postérieure</p> <p>bordure gris mince ou discontinue incluant souvent des taches grises</p> <p>taches orange assez grosses</p> <p>Abondant en Région méditerranéenne. Pelouses sèches, garrigues et clairières dans le maquis jusqu'à 1200 m. Mi-avril à octobre. Chenille sur Hippocrépis.</p>	
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Not only is the identification process more logical with identification keys, the book also includes a section for the more challenging butterfly species such as the **Pyrgus**, **Polyommata**, **Melitaea**, and **Erebia** groups with photos of both upperside and underside with a description of the diagnostic features.

### Burnet moths of France

The book also contains a much needed and very useful identification key to the Burnet moths of France, also with photographs and description. See picture to the left for the Burnet identification key.

**EIG members can purchase Papillons de France in the UK.** In the first instance email Simon Spencer [cerisyi@btinternet.com](mailto:cerisyi@btinternet.com) AND Tristan Lafranchis [lafranchis@yahoo.fr](mailto:lafranchis@yahoo.fr) with your order and address. Then send a cheque for £42 made out to Tristan Lafranchis, to Simon Spencer, Rhoslan, Brithdir, Llanfyllin, Powys SY22 5HB. On receipt of the cheque Simon will email a reply to all (You & Tristan) confirming its receipt and Tristan will post the book. **This offer ends June 30th**

### Day-flying moths of France

In addition there is a section reserved for the day-flying moths of France, more than 150 species including the following families **Erebidae**, **Sphingidae**, **Lasiocampidae**, **Geometridae**, **Sesiidae** etc.

This is an excellent and very useful photographic softback guide book that fits into the rucksack for field trips with information on flight periods, habitat, altitudinal range and distribution maps. The book has been updated to include **Lepithea duponcheli** which is found in the south east of France and **Leptidea juvernica**. The distribution maps will always be a work in progress as more field work is carried out in France and as more regional atlases are produced providing additional information on previously unrecorded species.

The book is the result of many years spent in the field and shows a great passion and expertise with contributions from fellow experts and enthusiasts.

**Jude Lock**

### Other New Books

A couple of recent books (available for example from Pemberley Books) may be of interest to readers.

### Butterflies of Europe and the Mediterranean Area

published in English by the Ukrainian author Vadim Tshikolovets.

There is a fantastic amount of information in this well-produced volume covering the whole of Europe (from the Atlantic islands to the Ural mountains), North Africa (from Morocco to Egypt), Turkey, the Caucasus, and the Middle East. 703 species are dealt with on 544 pages. For each species there are photographs of museum specimens (upperside, underside, male, female, subspecies). There are also 2000 photographs of living butterflies and 1000 habitat shots, and more than 700 distribution maps. Subspecies are dealt with comprehensively. The ▼

