



High Brown Fritillary

Argynnis adippe (Denis & Schiffermüller, 1775)

DESCRIPTION

Wingspan: From 4.8. to 5.8 cm. **Closed wings:** This species is big and the central part of the forewing is orangey with black spots, while the apex is the same as the hindwing, which is green with white or silver spots, and a series of orangey eyespots. **Open wings:** Their background is orange. There are series of arched, triangular and semicircular spots along the outer margin. They are normally not connected. There is also a series of not so large dots and wide spots.

KEY FOR VISUAL IDENTIFICATION



A series of orange eyespots

Series of white or silver spots

Wide spots



Series of not very large spots

Foto: Rafael Obregón Romero

Series of arched, triangular and semicircular spots

SIMILAR SPECIES

Niobe Fritillary: When its wings are closed, this species is not green, but whitish or straw-coloured with orangey spots. When it is open, it is usually lighter orange with smaller patterns and dots, and a series of thin pointed arches, which are linked on the hindwing outer margin.



BIOLOGY & HABITAT

It flies in July and August, and takes one generation a year to do so. This species is not common in Málaga, as it has been spotted only once since it was registered for the first time in the 1970s in the province, more specifically, in Alcaucín in the Tejada Mountains. In those times, it was spotted close to the streams, while today it can be found at an altitude of 1560 m between pine trees and grassland, also in the Tejada Mountains, but in the village of Sedella. Their caterpillars feed on violas (*Viola spp.*).

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DISTRIBUTION

This is one of the rarest species in Málaga, as it can only be found in two villages in the Tejada Mountains. The species cannot be spotted along the GMP, though there might be some populations or isolated butterflies, above all in high zones of stage 6. We kindly ask you to inform us about spotting this species in Málaga, whether it is along or off the Great Málaga Path.

