

## Common Brown Butterfly

*Heteronympha merope*

When to look:  
*October through May*

**Similar species:** It is difficult to identify these butterflies when they are resting with their wings closed. Banks Brown Butterfly (*Heteronympha banksii banksii*): has an eyespot only on its hindwings, not on all wings. Shouldered Brown (*Heteronympha penelope*): has darker markings near the wing bases giving it a shouldered look, and an extra eyespot on the hindwing Forest Brown or Cyril's Brown Butterfly (*Argynnis cyrila*): has more black markings on its upperside.

Mostly orange, with obvious raised vein in middle of forewing. Small eye-spot on each wing.

Underside of wings are paler with faint markings

Males lack pale patches. Females have yellow and dark brown patches near tip of forewings



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