

Urban Butterfly Cards



Turin



4 Common Blue (*Polyommatus icarus*) Family: *Lycaenidae*

Icarus is the most common urban butterfly in the family *Lycaenidae*. Its small wings have a physical colouration, which varies according to the angle at which light strikes the wing scales, making it iridescent. In this species, males are blue, while females are brown, and thus easily distinguishable. All *Lycaenidae* are predisposed to interact with ants (myrmecophily), through the production of sounds and chemicals.

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Farfalle in Tour

Born in Turin (Italy) in 2014, Farfalle in Tour project aims to combine butterfly conservation with the social inclusion of fragile people. This collaboration has been included since 2018 in an wide European project: proGireg, that deals with the regeneration of urban post-industrial green areas. Users of social cooperatives, people with physical or mental fragilities, are the protagonists of the projects, involving other citizens in order to allow pollinators return in urban areas.



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