

## *Maniola jurtina* Linnaeus, 1758

Papallona d'alzinar (ca.), Loba (es.), Meadow brown (en.)

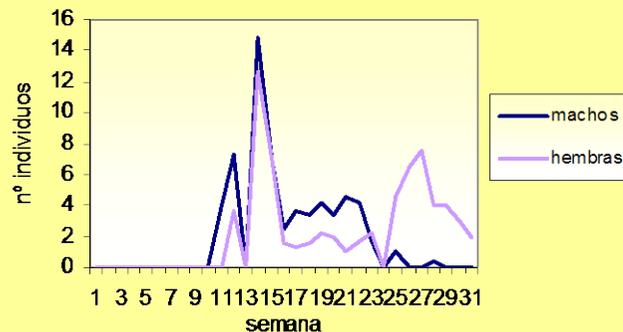
**Distribution.** Canary Islands. North West Africa, most of Europe including the majority of the Mediterranean Islands..

**Description. Adult.** 50-55 wingspan Marked sexual dimorphism. The males are a very dark brown in colour, and the upper part of the wings are lighter in the females, : the postdiscal area of the hindwings is of an orangey colour which becomes darker towards the discal area. Both sexes have an eyespot in the subapex of the hindwings. The back of the hindwings is greyish brown in colour with two eyespots on the discal subapex. On the back of the hindwings the colour orange is predominant and there is a clear black eyespot with a white pupil on the subapex.. **Caterpillar.** 30mm long. Green in colour with abundant whitish hairs. It spends the winter as a larva but comes out to feed when it is sunny. **Chrysalis.** 17 mm.. It hangs for three weeks. It has brown and white stripes.

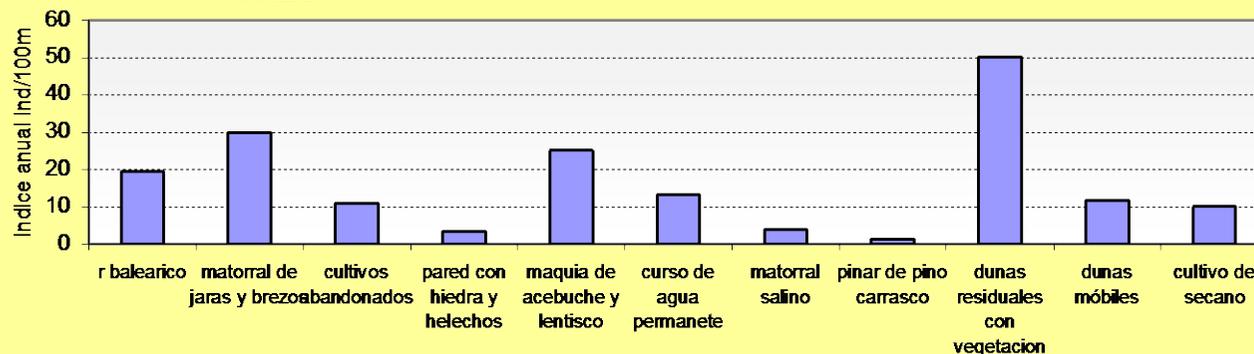
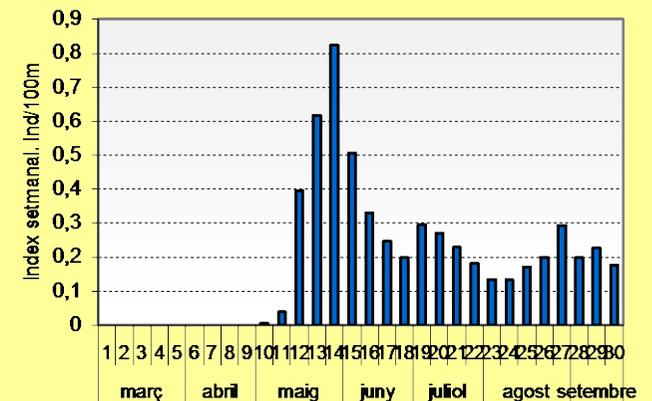
**Caterpillar foodplants.** Various grasslike species..

### *Maniola jurtina* in Menorca

**Representation in the BMS (Butterfly Monitoring Scheme)** Common species in Menorca. In the BMS it represents 5.5% of the species observed.



**Flight time.** One brood per season. We find it from the beginning of May until October although it is at its most abundant at the end of May-June. In May-June the males are seen flying, and the females are less active and are seen infrequently. From July the males die off and the females become more active.



**Habitat and behaviour.** At the beginning of the season they are frequently observed in open woodland and low hilly areas. From July onwards they appear more in closed woodland (shaded areas), although they can also be observed in more open spaces.

**Similar species present in Menorca.** Can be confused at first sight with *Pyronia cecilia* s but it is of a different size and has different wing markings.

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