

Santa Monica Mountains Butterfly List

Abundance Codes: A- Abundant C- Common
 U- Uncommon R- Rare
 ?- Not Yet Found

Swallowtails *Papilionidae*

		Food Plant	Flight Time	Abundance
Anise Swallowtail	<i>Papilio zelicaon</i>	Fennel or other carrot family	All year	C
Giant Swallowtail	<i>Papilio cresphones</i>	Citrus	Mar-Oct	U
Western Tiger Swallowtail	<i>Papilio rutulus</i>	Mostly sycamore; cottonwood, willow, alder	All year	C-A
Pale Swallowtail	<i>Papilio eurymedon</i>	Ceanothus, other buckthorn family	Feb-Oct	U

White and Sulphurs *Pieridae*

Whites

Becker's White	<i>Pontia beckerii</i>	Bladderpod	Feb-Aug	
Checkered White	<i>Pontia protodice</i>	Mustards, native and non-native	All year	C
Cabbage White	<i>Pieris rapae</i>	Black mustard, wild radish, nasturtium	All year	A
Sara Orangetip	<i>Anthocharis sara</i>	Native mustards	Feb-June	C

Sulphurs

Orange Sulphur	<i>Colias eurytheme</i>	Various pea family: lotus, clover, vetch	All year	C
Harford's Sulphur	<i>Colias harfordii</i>	Astragalus (locoweed or rattleweed)	Apr-Sept	U
California Dogface	<i>Colias eurydice</i>	False indigo (<i>Amorpha californica</i>)	Mar-Sept	U
Cloudless Sulphur	<i>Phoebis sennae</i>	Cassia (<i>Senna</i>)	Mar-Oct	R
Sleepy Orange*	<i>Eurema nicippe</i>	Cassia (<i>Senna</i>)	Mar-Oct	?
Dainty Sulphur	<i>Nathalis iole</i>	Various sunflower family	Mar-Nov	R

Gossamer-Wings *Lycaenidae*

Coppers

Tailed Copper	<i>Lycaena arota</i>	Wild currant or gooseberry (<i>Ribes</i>)	May-July	U
Gorgon Copper	<i>Lycaena gorgon</i>	Wand Buckwheat (<i>Eriogonum elongatum</i>)	Apr-July	U

Hairstreaks

Great Purple Hairstreak	<i>Atides halesus</i>	Mistletoe in sycamores or cottonwood	Mar-Oct	U
California Hairstreak	<i>Satyrium californica</i>	Ceanothus (wild lilac) and oak	May-Aug	U
Silvan Hairstreak	<i>Satyrium sylvinus</i>	Willow	May-July	C
Gold-hunters Hairstreak	<i>Satyrium auretteorum</i>	Scrub Oak	May-July	U
--Santa Monica Mts Hairstreak	-- <i>S. auretteorum fumosum</i>	Oaks other than scrub oak	May-July	R
Mountain Mahogany Hairstreak	<i>Satyrium tetra</i>	Mountain Mahogany	May-July	U
Hedgerow Hairstreak	<i>Satyrium saepium</i>	Ceanothus (wild lilac)	May-July	C
Bramble Hairstreak	<i>Callophrys dumetorum</i>	Deerweed, ceanothus, buckwheat	Feb-Apr	C
Brown Elfin	<i>Callophrys augustinus</i>	Mostly dodder, but also ceanothus	Feb-July	U-C
Gray Hairstreak	<i>Strymon melinus</i>	Many: mallow, buckwheat, coffeeberry, pea	Feb-Nov	C

Blues

Western Pygmy-Blue	<i>Brephidium exile</i>	Saltbush (<i>Atriplex</i>) and goosefoot	All year	A
Marine Blue	<i>Lepotes marina</i>	Plumbago and various pea family	All year	A
Ceraunus Blue	<i>Hemiargus ceraunus</i>	Various pea family	Mar-Oct	R
Western Tailed-Blue	<i>Everes amyntula</i>	Astragalus (locoweed or rattleweed)	Feb-Sept	U
Spring Azure	<i>Celastrina ladon</i>	Ceanothus (wild lilac),	Feb-July	U
Sonoran Blue	<i>Philotes sonorensis</i>	Lance-leaved Dudleya	Mar-Apr	R
'Bernardino' Square-spotted Blue	<i>Euphilotes battoides bernardino</i>	California Buckwheat	Apr-Aug	C-A
Silvery Blue	<i>Glaucopsyche lygdamus</i>	Deerweed (<i>Lotus scoparius</i>)	Feb-May	C
Acmon Blue	<i>Plebejus acmon</i>	Deerweed, Buckwheat	Feb-Nov	C-A

Food Plant Flight Time Abundance

Metalmarks **Riodinidae**

Fatal Metalmark	<i>Calephelis nemesis</i>	Mule Fat, Bush Sunflower	Feb-Oct	C
'Behr's' Mormon Metalmark	<i>Apodemia mormo</i>	California Buckwheat	Mar-Nov	C

Brushfoots **Nymphalidae**

Heliconians and Fritillaries

Gulf Fritillary	<i>Agraulis vanillae</i>	Passionvine	All year	C
'Comstock's' Callippe Fritillary	<i>Speyeria callippe comstocki</i>	Violets	May-July	U

True Brushfoots

Gabb's Checkerspot	<i>Chlosyne gabbii</i>	Wooly Aster, Telegraph Weed, other asters	Mar-July	U-C
Mylitta Crescent*	<i>Phyciodes mylitta</i>	Thistles (such as Cirsium)	Mar-Oct	?
Variable Checkerspot	<i>Euphydryas chalcedona</i>	Bush Monkeyflower and other figwort family	Apr-June	C-A
Satyr Comma	<i>Polygonia satyrus</i>	Stinging Nettle	Feb-Sept	U-C
California Tortoiseshell*	<i>Nymphalis californica</i>	Ceanothus (wild lilac)	Apr-Sept	?
Mourning Cloak	<i>Nymphalis antiopa</i>	Willow, cottonwood	All year	C
American Lady	<i>Vanessa virginiensis</i>	Everlasting (Gnaphalium)	All year	U
Painted Lady	<i>Vanessa cardui</i>	Many: thistle, mallow, lupine, fiddleneck	All year	C-A
West Coast Lady	<i>Vanessa annabella</i>	Mallows, especially Cheeseweed; nettle	All year	C
Red Admiral	<i>Vanessa atalanta</i>	Nettles including Baby Tears	All year	C
Common Buckeye	<i>Junonia coenia</i>	Mostly plantain; snapdragon, monkeyflower	Feb-Nov	C-A

Admirals and Relatives

Lorquin's Admiral	<i>Limenitis lorquini</i>	Willows	Apr-Oct	U-C
California Sister	<i>Adelphia bredowii californica</i>	Oaks	Mar-Oct	C-A

Satyrs

'California' Common Ringlet	<i>Coenonympha tullia californica</i>	Bunch grass	Feb-Sept	C-A
Great Basin Wood-Nymph	<i>Cercyonis sthenele</i>	Bunch grass	May-Aug	R

Monarchs

Monarch	<i>Danaus plexippus</i>	Milkweed	All year	U-A
Queen	<i>Danaus gilippus</i>	Milkweed	Mar-Nov	U

Skippers **Hesperiidae**

Spread-wing Skippers

Propertius Duskywing	<i>Erynnis propertius</i>	Coast Live Oak	Mar-June	R-U
Mournful Duskywing	<i>Erynnis tristis</i>	Various oaks	Feb-Sept	C
Funereal Duskywing	<i>Erynnis funeralis</i>	Deerweed and other pea family	Feb-Oct	C
White Checkered-Skipper	<i>Pyrgus albescens</i>	Mallows	Mar-Oct	C
Northern White-Skipper	<i>Heliopetes ericetorum</i>	Various mallows, especially Bush Mallow	Feb-Oct	C-A

Grass-Skippers

Orange Skipperling	<i>Copaeodes aurantiacus</i>	Grasses	Apr-Sept	U
Fiery Skipper	<i>Hylephila phyleus</i>	Grasses including crab grass	All year	A
Sandhill Skipper	<i>Polites sabuleti</i>	Saltgrass	Apr-Sept	C
Sachem	<i>Atalopetes campestris</i>	Grasses	Apr-Nov	U
Woodland Skipper	<i>Ochlodes sylvanoides</i>	Grasses, including rye grass	Jul-Oct	C-A
Rural Skipper	<i>Ochlodes agricola</i>	Grasses	Apr-July	C
Umber Skipper	<i>Poanes melane</i>	Grasses	Jan-Nov	C
Eufala Skipper	<i>Lerodea eufala</i>	Grasses	Jun-Nov	U
Wandering Skipper	<i>Panoquina errans</i>	Saltgrass	Jul-Sept	R

Hypothetical

Two-tailed Swallowtail	<i>Papilio multicaudata</i>	Choke Cherry	June-Aug	?
Arrowhead Blue*	<i>Glaucopsyche piasus</i>	Bush lupine (<i>Lupinus excubitus</i>)	Mar-May	?