

# Cascade-Siskiyou National Monument



## Butterfly Guide

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A Klamath Mardon Skipper feeds on an American Bistort flower. Photo credit: Frank Lospalluto

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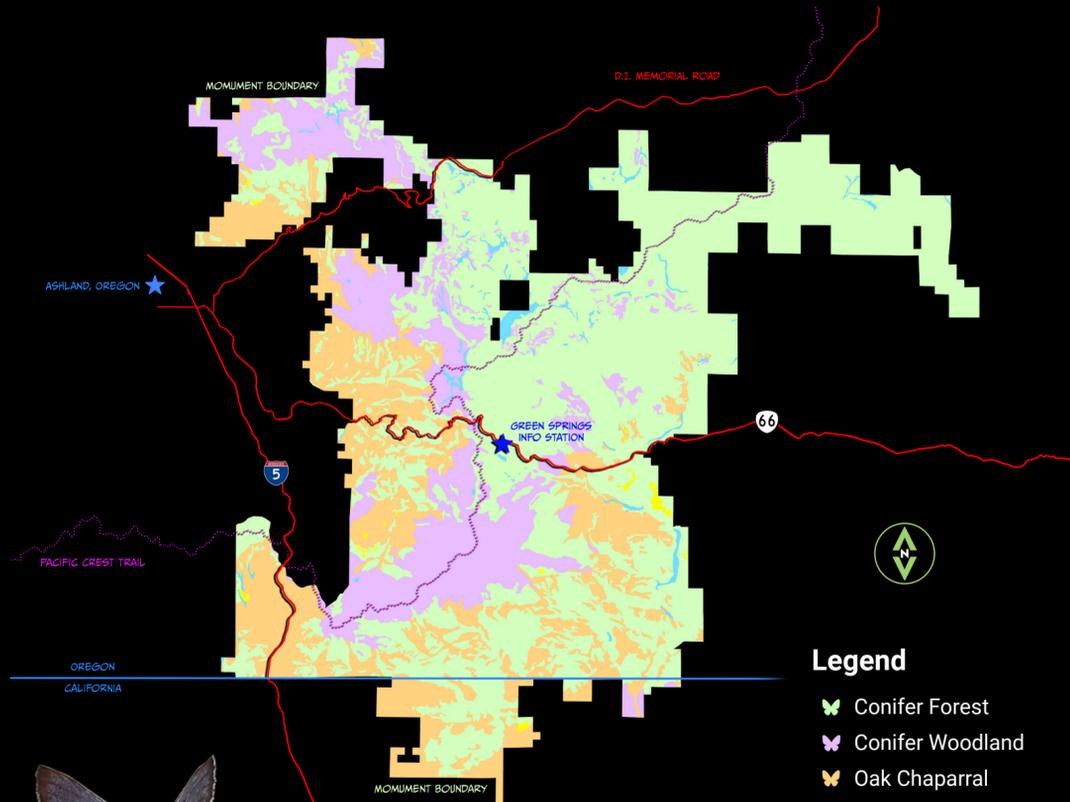
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## Welcome to Cascade-Siskiyou National Monument!

Watching butterflies at Cascade-Siskiyou National Monument is a delightful way to experience its incredible biodiversity. Around 120 species of butterflies live in the monument, each dependent on native grasses and flowering plants. These colorful insects thrive in diverse habitats, from wet meadows and oak chaparral to conifer forests and riparian areas. They play vital roles as pollinators and as food for birds, mammals, and other insects.

This guide introduces the butterflies you may encounter in the monument and nearby areas. Please note: color, size, and flight periods can vary widely within species, influenced by elevation and seasonal conditions.

Tread lightly in butterfly habitat, especially in sensitive meadows where they lay eggs in grass and sip nectar from flowers. Enjoy exploring these wonders!



### Legend

- Conifer Forest
- Conifer Woodland
- Oak Chaparral
- Grassland
- Riparian Area



A Greenish Blue pollinates an American Bistort flower.

### Getting There

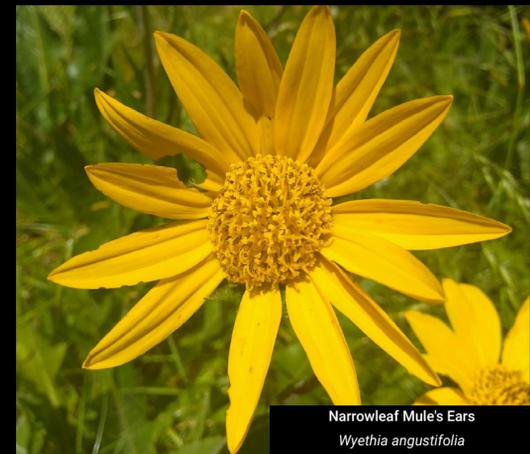
From Interstate 5, take Exit 14 in Ashland, Oregon. Follow Oregon State Highway 66 east for 17 miles until you reach the Green Springs Information Station at the Green Springs Inn.

### Host Plants

Butterflies depend on different plants throughout their life cycle. The wide variety of butterflies in the monument reflects the abundance of native grasses and flowers.

**Larval Host Plants:** Each butterfly species lays eggs on specific native plants. These plants feed caterpillars and shelter their transition into adult butterflies.

**Nectar Host Plants:** Adult butterflies feed on nectar for energy to live, fly, and reproduce. While feeding, they also transfer pollen between plants. This helps the plants reproduce, providing food for future generations of butterflies.



Narrowleaf Mule's Ears  
*Wyethia angustifolia*



Oregon Sunshine  
*Eriophyllum lanatum*



Rubber Rabbitbrush  
*Ericameria nauseosa*

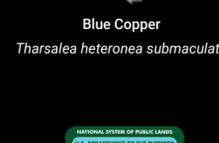


Shortspur Seablush  
*Plectritis brachystemum*



Sulphur Buckwheat  
*Eriogonum umbellatum*

 Silver-spotted Skipper <i>Epargyreus clarus californicus</i> 43 - 50 mm June - July	 Northern Cloudywing <i>Thorybes pylades indistinctus</i> 32 - 47 mm Late April - Mid July	 Pacuvius Duskywing <i>Erynnis pacuvius lilius</i> s 38 mm Late April - Early August	 Propertius Duskywing <i>Erynnis propertius</i> 35 - 45 mm March - July
 Two-banded Checkered Skipper <i>Pyrgus ruralis ruralis</i> 25 mm Early Mar - Early Sept	 Common Checkered Skipper <i>Burnsius communis communis</i> 19 - 32 mm Mid April - Mid Sept	 Dreamy Duskywing <i>Erynnis icelus</i> 25 - 30 mm Late May - Early July	 Persius Duskywing <i>Erynnis persius borealis</i> 29 - 42 mm April - June
 Common Roadside Skipper <i>Amblyscirtes vialis</i> 22 - 32 mm May - September	 Woodland Skipper <i>Ochlodes sylvanoides sylvanoides</i> 25 - 31 mm July - October	 Klamath Mardon skipper <i>Polites mardon klamathensis</i> 25 - 30 mm Late May - Mid June	 Western Branded Skipper <i>Hesperia colorado oregonia</i> 32 - 42 mm June - July
 Juba Skipper <i>Hesperia juba</i> 32 - 42 mm May/June & Aug/Sept	 Arctic Skipper <i>Carterocephalus skada skada</i> 29 - 31 mm May - July	 Sandhill Skipper <i>Polites sabuleti aestivalis</i> 22 - 32 mm May/June & Aug/Sept.	 Sonoran Skipper <i>Polites sonora sonora</i> 25 - 27 mm June
 Dun Skipper <i>Euphyes vestris vestris</i> 29 - 35 mm May - August	 Sachem <i>Atalopedes campestris campestris</i> 32 - 41 mm April - October	 Lindsey's Skipper <i>Hesperia lindseyi septentrionalis</i> 29 - 32 mm June - July	
 Anise Swallowtail slurps nectar from a Blue Dicks wildflower.	 Columbian Skipper <i>Hesperia columbia</i> 22 - 34 mm April/June & September	 Northern White Skipper <i>Heliopetes ericetorum</i> 32 - 38 mm April - October	

	32 - 47 mm March - October		38 - 51 mm April - September		27 - 39 mm June - August		25 - 30 mm June - August		24 - 30 mm July - August		33 - 39 mm June - August		25 - 32 mm June - August		22 - 29 mm May - July
<b>Cabbage White</b> <i>Pieris rapae rapae</i>		<b>Margined White</b> <i>Pieris marginalis castoria</i>		<b>Ochre Ringlet</b> <i>Coenonympha californica eryngii</i>		<b>Sylvan Hairstreak</b> <i>Satyrrium sylvinus nootka</i>		<b>Sooty Hairstreak</b> <i>Satyrrium fuliginosa "tildeni"</i>		<b>Great Basin Wood Nymph</b> <i>Cercyonis sthenele "ssp."</i>		<b>Mountain Mahogany Hairstreak</b> <i>Satyrrium tetra</i>		<b>Brown Elfin</b> <i>Callophrys augustinus iroides</i>	
	47 - 64 mm June - September		32 - 44 mm April - July		38 - 38 mm April - July		25 - 32 mm June - September		33 - 44 mm May - June		24 - 38 mm Late June - Early Sept.		25 - 29 mm June - August		30 - 38 mm May - August
<b>Pine White</b> <i>Neophasia menapia menapia</i>		<b>Gray Marble</b> <i>Anthocharis lanceolata lanceolata</i>		<b>Spring White</b> <i>Sisymbria sisymbrii sisymbrii</i>		<b>California Hairstreak</b> <i>Satyrrium californica californica</i>		<b>Great Copper</b> <i>Tharsalea xanthoides nigromaculata</i>		<b>Edith's Copper</b> <i>Tharsalea editha editha/ pseudonexa</i>		<b>Lilac-bordered Copper</b> <i>Tharsalea nivalis "warnermontana"</i>		<b>Purplish Copper</b> <i>Tharsalea helleoides</i>	
	21 - 32 mm May - July		38 - 53 mm May - September		32 - 50 mm May - September		32 - 57 mm May - October		25 - 32 mm May - August		32 - 38 mm June - August		30 - 35 mm May - August		51 - 64 mm May - September
<b>Boisduval's Blue</b> <i>Icaricia icarioides icarioides</i>		<b>Becker's White</b> <i>Pontia beckerii</i>		<b>Western White</b> <i>Pontia occidentalis occidentalis</i>		<b>Checkered White</b> <i>Pontia protodice</i>		<b>Gray Hairstreak</b> <i>Strymon melinus atrofasciata</i>		<b>Gorgon Copper</b> <i>Tharsalea gorgon dorothea/ jacquelineae</i>		<b>Tailed Copper</b> <i>Tharsalea arota virginiensis/ arota</i>		<b>Callippe Fritillary</b> <i>Speyeria callippe elaine</i>	
	32 - 44 mm April - August		32 - 51 mm April - July		50 - 62 mm June - August		50 - 76 mm June - August		25 - 32 mm June - September		51 - 63 mm June - July		61 - 64 mm June - September		62 - 88 mm July - September
<b>Sara's Orangetip</b> <i>Anthocharis sara sara</i>		<b>Large Marble</b> <i>Euchloe ausonides ausonides</i>		<b>Clodius Parnassian</b> <i>Parnassius clodius claudianus</i>		<b>Mountain Parnassian</b> <i>Parnassius smintheus sternitskyi</i>		<b>Golden Hairstreak</b> <i>Habrodais grunus lorquini</i>		<b>Great Arctic</b> <i>Oeneis nevadensis nevadensis</i>		<b>Great Basin Fritillary</b> <i>Speyeria egleis oweni</i>		<b>Great Spangled Fritillary</b> <i>Speyeria cybele pugetensis</i>	
	22 - 29 mm April - July		32 - 54 mm June - September		64 - 90 mm May - September		52 - 80 mm April - September		25 - 35 mm June - September		54 - 70 mm June - September		35 - 45 mm Late May - July		68 - 106 mm June - September
<b>Western Tailed Blue</b> <i>Cupido amyntula amyntula</i>		<b>Clouded Sulphur</b> <i>Colias eriphyle</i>		<b>Pale Tiger Swallowtail</b> <i>Papilio eurymedon</i>		<b>Anise Swallowtail</b> <i>Papilio zelicaon</i>		<b>Johnson's Hairstreak</b> <i>Mitoura johnsoni</i>		<b>Zerene Fritillary</b> <i>Speyeria zerene zerene</i>		<b>Pacific Fritillary</b> <i>Boloria epithore chermocki</i>		<b>Atlantis Fritillary</b> <i>Speyeria hesperis dodgei</i>	
	18 - 28 mm April - July		May 2 - September		90 - 127 mm April - September		70 - 100 mm April - September		41 - 70 mm April - November		60 - 86 mm July - September		44 - 57 mm June - September		51 - 74 mm March - November
<b>Silvery Blue</b> <i>Glaucopsyche lygdamus incognitus</i>		<b>Western Sulphur</b> <i>Colias occidentalis primordialis</i>		<b>Two-tailed Tiger Swallowtail</b> <i>Papilio multicaudata pusillus</i>		<b>Western Tiger Swallowtail</b> <i>Papilio rutulus</i>		<b>Common Buckeye</b> <i>Junonia grisea</i>		<b>Coronis Fritillary</b> <i>Speyeria coronis coronis</i>		<b>Hydaspe Fritillary</b> <i>Speyeria hydaspe "ssp mix"</i>		<b>Painted Lady</b> <i>Vanessa cardui</i>	
	22 - 29 mm May - July		16 - 26 mm May - September		32 - 54 mm June - October		38 - 57 mm March - October		44 - 54 mm May - September		39 - 57 mm June - September		22 - 28 mm Late April - June		24 - 35 mm May - July
<b>Anna's Blue</b> <i>Plebejus anna ricei</i>		<b>Eastern Tailed Blue</b> <i>Cupido comyntas sissona</i>		<b>Orange Sulphur</b> <i>Colias eurytheme</i>		<b>West Coast Lady</b> <i>Vanessa annabella</i>		<b>Milbert's Tortoiseshell</b> <i>Nymphalis milberti subpallida</i>		<b>Hoary Comma</b> <i>Polygona gracilis zephyrus</i>		<b>Western Pine Elfin</b> <i>Callophrys eryphon eryphon</i>		<b>Field Crescent</b> <i>Phyciodes pulchellus ssp.</i>	
	26 - 35 mm April - June		19 - 20 mm Late May - July		29 - 38 mm May - August		45 - 64 mm June - September		44 - 64 mm June - September		35 - 48 mm May - July		32 - 42 mm Mid May - Late June		63 - 100 mm June - September
<b>Spring Azure</b> <i>Celastrina echo echo</i>		<b>Intermediate Dotted Blue</b> <i>Euphilotes glaucon (nr intermedia)</i>		<b>Mylitta Crescent</b> <i>Phyciodes mylitta mylitta</i>		<b>Green Comma</b> <i>Polygona faunas rusticus</i>		<b>Satyr Anglewing</b> <i>Polygona satyrus</i>		<b>Northern Checkerspot</b> <i>Chlosyne palla eremita/ palla</i>		<b>California Crescent</b> <i>Phyciodes orseis orseis</i>		<b>California Sister</b> <i>Adelpha californica</i>	
	18 - 23 mm Late May - July		22 - 29 mm June - July		32 - 70 mm May - September		22 - 34 mm June - September		44 - 54 mm April - October		35 - 45 mm June - July		32 - 51 mm Late June - Early Sept		22 - 34 mm April - October
<b>Pacific Dotted Blue</b> <i>Euphilotes ooptes (Siskiyou segregate)</i>		<b>Lupine Blue</b> <i>Icaricia lupini</i>		<b>California Tortoiseshell</b> <i>Nymphalis californica</i>		<b>Oreas Anglewing</b> <i>Polygona oreas oreas</i>		<b>American Lady</b> <i>Vanessa virginiensis</i>		<b>Hoffman's Checkerspot</b> <i>Chlosyne hoffmanni segregata</i>		<b>Edith's Checkerspot</b> <i>Euphydryas editha colonia/ rubicunda</i>		<b>Lorquin's Admiral</b> <i>Limenitis lorquini "ssp. blend"</i>	
	21 - 28 mm May - July		16 - 17 mm May - July		32 - 45 mm June - August		86 - 124 mm May - September		33 - 40 mm June - August		25 - 35 mm July - September		22 - 34 mm June - August		50 - 60 mm March - October
<b>Greenish Blue</b> <i>Icaricia saepiolus rufescens</i>		<b>Square-spotted Blue</b> <i>Euphilotes baltoides</i>		<b>Dark Wood Nymph</b> <i>Cercyonis oetus oetus</i>		<b>Monarch</b> <i>Danaus plexippus plexippus</i>		<b>Leanira Checkerspot</b> <i>Thessalia leanira oregonensis</i>		<b>Mormon Metalmark</b> <i>Apodemia mormo mormo</i>		<b>Snowberry Checkerspot</b> <i>Euphydryas colon colon</i>		<b>Red Admiral</b> <i>Vanessa atalanta rubria</i>	
	29 - 35 mm April - August		22 - 35 mm May - August		57 - 73 mm June - August		26 - 30 mm June - August		25 - 32 mm May - Early August		22 - 29 mm May - July		32 - 57 mm Late Apr - Early Aug		57 - 100 mm Mar - May & Jul - Sept
<b>Blue Copper</b> <i>Tharsalea heteronea submaculata</i>		<b>Melissa's Blue</b> <i>Plebejus melissa melissa</i>		<b>Common Wood Nymph</b> <i>Cercyonis pegala ariane</i>		<b>Hedgerow Hairstreak</b> <i>Satyrrium saepium saepium</i>		<b>Thicket Hairstreak</b> <i>Mitoura spinetorum spinetorum</i>		<b>Cedar Hairstreak</b> <i>Mitoura gryneus nelsoni</i>		<b>Chalcedona Checkerspot</b> <i>Euphydryas chalcedona chalcedona</i>		<b>Mourning Cloak</b> <i>Nymphalis antiopa antiopa</i>	
	18 - 23 mm June - August		20 - 29 mm March - June		17 - 30 mm May - July		25 - 32 mm June - August		25 - 26 mm May - July		62 - 72 mm June - August		32 - 51 mm April - September		
<b>Bramble Green Hairstreak</b> <i>Callophrys dumetorum dumetorum</i>		<b>Sheridan's Green Hairstreak</b> <i>Callophrys sheridanii lemberti</i>		<b>Acmon Blue</b> <i>Icaricia acmon</i>		<b>Gold-hunter's Hairstreak</b> <i>Satyrrium auretorum auretorum</i>		<b>Moss' Elfin</b> <i>Incisalia mossii windi</i>		<b>Indra Swallowtail</b> <i>Papilio indra shastensis</i>		<b>Great Blue Hairstreak</b> <i>Atides halesus corcorani</i>			