

Butterfly Checklist	Monterey County				
					c = common, f = fairly common, u = uncommon, r = rare, x = extirpated?
					R = resident, S = stray, M = migrant, U = status uncertain; few or no recent records
√	Swallowtails (Family Papilionidae)		flights	status	host plants
	pipevine swallowtail	Battus philenor	1?, Mar-Oct?	rS?	pipevines (Aristolochia californica)
	pale swallowtail	Papilio eurymedon	1, Mar-Aug	fR	coffeeberry, alder, ceanothus
	western tiger swallowtail	Papilio rutulus	2-3, Mar-Oct	fR	cottonwoods, willow, sycamore, alder
	anise swallowtail	Papilio zelicaon	1+, Jan-Oct	uR	parsley, dill, sweet fennel (anise)
	Whites and Sulphurs (Family Pieridae)				
	Whites (Subfamily Pierinae)				
	mustard (marginated) white	Pieris marginalis	2, Jan-Jul	cR	mustards - rock cress, milkmaids, etc.
	cabbage white	Pieris rapae	3-5, Jan-Dec	cR	mustard family, incl. broccoli; nasturtium
	checkered white	Pontia protodice	3-4, Jan-Nov	cR	native and exotic mustards (crucifers)
	spring white	Pontia sisymbrii	1, Mar-May?	rR?	rock cress, other native mustards
	Sara (pacific) orangetip	Anthocharis sara	1-2, Feb-Jul	cR	native & exotic mustards; rock cress
	large marble	Euchloe ausonides	1-2, Feb-Jul	fR	rock cress, wallflower, other mustards
	Sulphurs (Subfamily Coliadinae)				
	California dooface	Zerene eurydice	2, Feb-Nov	fR	false indigo, other legumes
	orange sulphur	Colias eurytheme	1+, Jan-Nov	fR	legumes - alfalfa, white clovers, vetches
	Harford's sulphur	Colias harfordii	1-2, Feb-Aug?	rR?	Douglas' Rattleweed (Astragalus douglasii)
	cloudless sulphur	Phoebis sennae marcellina	1?, Jun-Sep?	rS?R?	senna (Cassia spp.), cultivated Fabaceae
	Gossamer-wings (Family Lycaenidae)				
	Coppers (Subfamily Lycaeninae)				
	tailed copper	Lycaena arota	1, May-Sep	uR	gooseberry and currant
	gorqon copper	Lycaena gorqon	1, May-Jun	fR	nude and elongate buckwheats
	purplish copper	Lycaena hellioides	2, May-Nov	uR	dock, knotweed (buckwheats); cinquefoil
	great copper	Lycaena xanthoides	1, May-Aug	uR	dock
	Hairstreaks (Subfamily Theclinae)				
	great purple hairstreak	Atides halesus	1+, Mar-Oct	uR	mistletoe, esp. on oaks
	inland green hairstreak	Callophrys perplexa	1, Mar-Jun	fR	buckwheats (Eriogonum nudum), deerweed
	coastal green hairstreak	Callophrys dumetorum	1, Mar-Jun?	rR?	wild buckwheats (coast eriogonum) & deerweed
	Muir's juniper hairstreak	Callophrys gryneus muiri	1, Mar-Jul?	rR	sargent's cypress, juniper/incense cedar in MCO (?)
	Nelson's juniper hairstreak	Callophrys gryneus nelsoni	1, Apr-Jul	rR	incense cedar, rarely juniper
	thicket hairstreak	Callophrys spinetorum	1+?, Mar-Sep?	rR	dwarf mistletoe on pines, other conifers
	Moss's elfin	Callophrys mossii doudoroffi	1, Mar-Jun	rR	stonecrop (sedum), and dudleyas
	western pine elfin	Callophrys eryphon	1, Mar-Jun	rR	Monterey and Bishop pines, esp. young trees (?)
	brown elfin	Callophrys augustinus	1-2, Feb-Jul	fR	manzanita, buckbrush, dodder, madrone
	golden hairstreak	Habrodais arunus lorquini	1, May-Oct	fR	canyon oak, chinquapin, tan oak
	gold-hunter's hairstreak	Satyrion aetorum	1, May-Jul	uR	oaks (Quercus), esp. blue oak, scrub oak
	California hairstreak	Satyrion californica	1, Apr-Jul	fR	Oaks (Quercus) sometimes Wild Lilac (Ceanothus)
	hedgerow hairstreak	Satyrion saepium	1, May-Aug	fR	Ceanothus - buckbrush, wild lilacs
	sylvan hairstreak	Satyrion sylvinus	1, May-Jul	uR	willows (tail-less ssp. on sandbar willow)
	mountain mahoqany hairstreak	Satyrion tetra	1, May-Jul	uR	mtn. mahoqany
	gray hairstreak	Strymon melinus	2+, Feb-Nov?	cR	legumes, mallows, etc. (plants in 20+ families)
	Blues (Subfamily Polyommatae)				
	western pygmy-blue	Brephidium exile	2-3, Feb-Dec	uR	goosefoot family; pickleweed, saltbush, pigweed
	echo azure	Celestrina ladon	2, Jan-Sep	cR	dogwood, CA buckeye, ceanothus, many others
	Bernardino blue	Euphilotes bernardino	1, Apr-Jul	fR	California buckwheat (Eriogonum fasciculatum)
	Smith's (dotted) blue	Euphilotes enoptes smithi	1, May-Sep	fR	buckwheats, (Eriogonum parvifolium and latifolium)
	western tailed-blue	Everes amyntula	1-2, Mar-Aug?	uR	legumes, esp. vetches
	silvery blue	Glaucopsyche lygdamus	1, Feb-Jun	cR	lupines, deerweed, vetches, other legumes
	arrowhead blue	Glaucopsyche piasus	1, Mar-Jun?	rR?	lupines
	marine blue	leptotes marina	1?, Jun-?	U	leadworts, pea family, clover, alfalfa
	melissa blue	Lycaeides melissa	?	xR?	legumes, incl. alfalfa, sweet clover, lupine
	Sonoran blue	Philotes sonorensis	1, Jan-Apr	uR	dudleyas - rock lettuce, related stonecrops
	acorn blue	Plebejus acorn	1+, Feb-Nov	cR	buckwheats, legumes, esp. lotus, spanish clover
	lupine blue	Plebejus lupinus	1, Apr-Aug?	uR	sulphur, buckwheats
	Boisduval's blue	Plebejus icarioides	1, Apr-Jul	uR	lupines, esp. perennials
	Metalmarks (Riodinidae)				
	mormon metalmark	Apodemis m. mormo	1, Jun-Oct	cR	buckwheats (Eriogonum)
					buckwheats, yellow-flowered composites, etc.

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Brush-footed butterflies (Family Nymphalidae)					
Heliconians and Fritillaries (Subfamily Heliconiinae)					
gulf fritillary	<i>Agraulis vanillae</i>	1?, Jan-Nov?	rR?S?	passion vine spp.	lantana, shepherd's needle, cordias, composites, and others
unsilvered fritillary	<i>Speyeria adiaeste</i>	1. May-Aug	uR	violets including <i>Viola quercetorum</i>	CA buckeye, thistle
callippe fritillary	<i>Speyeria callippe</i>	1. Apr-Oct	fR	violets, e.g., <i>V. pedunculata</i>	thistles, Monardella, Salvia
coronis fritillary	<i>Speyeria coronis</i>	1. May-Sep	fR	violets	thistles, asters
True Brushfoots (Subfamily Nymphalinae)					
qabb's checkerspot	<i>Chlosyne qabbii</i>	1. Mar-Jun	fR	asters, <i>Hazardia</i> (<i>Haplopappus squarrosus</i>)	fiddlenecks, other flowers; puddler
northern checkerspot	<i>Chlosyne palla</i>	?	?	asters	yellow composites, CA buckeye, verba santa, Monardella; puddles
variable checkerspot	<i>Euphydryas chalcedona</i>	1. Feb-Jul	cR	bee plant, pentstemon, paintbrush, monkey flower	verba santa, CA buckeye, Monardella, dogbane, milkweed; puddler
edith's checkerspot	<i>Euphydryas editha</i>	1. Mar-Jun	uR	owl's clover, indian warrior, indian paintbrush	yellow-flowered composites, brodiaeas, verba santa; puddler
leanira checkerspot	<i>Thessalia leanira</i>	1. May-Jun	uR	paintbrush	yellow composites, Monardella, varrow, buckwheats
mourning cloak	<i>Nymphalis antiopa</i>	2-3?, Jan-Dec?	rR	willows, cottonwoods, hackberries	oozing sap, rotten fruit; minerals and moisture from soil; some nectarina
california tortoiseshell	<i>Nymphalis californica</i>	1. Jan?-Jun	u-cR/V	ceanothus spp., other plants during outbreaks	Monardella and other flowers; fruit and scat; avid puddlers
milbert's tortoiseshell	<i>Nymphalis milberti</i>	1?, ?	rRM?	stinging nettle (<i>Urtica</i>)	many flowers, incl. Monardella; puddler
field crescent	<i>Phyciodes campestris</i>	1+?, Mar-Oct	uR	asters	thistles, milkweeds, dogbanes, mints
mylitta crescent	<i>Phyciodes mylitta</i>	2-4. Feb-Nov	cR	native and weedy thistles	star thistle, buckwheats, asters, yellow composites
hoary comma	<i>Polyaonia oracilis</i> (<i>zephyrus</i>)	1-2. Jan-Dec?	rR	currants and gooseberries	flower nectar, more than other commas
oreas (arav) comma	<i>Polyaonia proane oreas</i>	1-2?, Feb-Nov?	rR?	<i>Ribes divaricatum</i> (gooseberry)	sap; rarely flower nectar
satyr comma	<i>Polyaonia satyrus</i>	2-3. Jan-Nov	fR	native stinging nettle	Tree sap, rotting fruit, mud, seldom flowers
west coast lady	<i>Vanessa annabella</i>	1+. Jan-Dec?	uR	mallows, incl. checkerbloom, globe mallow; occ. nettles	Flower nectar, incl. saques, milkweeds
painted lady	<i>Vanessa cardui</i>	1-2. Jan-Dec	u-cR/V	>100 known - thistles, mallows, sunflowers, legumes	composites 3-6 feet high, blackberries, lupines, red clover, milkweeds
american lady	<i>Vanessa virginiensis</i>	1+, Jan-Dec	uR	composites: everlasting, pussytoes, muqwort	avid at nectar, also sap, decaying matter; males at puddles
red admiral	<i>Vanessa atalanta</i>	1+, Jan-Dec	uR	hoary and other nettles	red clover, milkweed, aster; prefers tree sap, rotten fruit, animal droppings
common buckeye	<i>Junonia coenia</i>	2+, Jan-Dec	cR	plantains, monkeyflower, owl's clover, bee plant	lippias, clovers, coyote brush, many composites
Admirals and Relatives (Subfamily Limenitidinae)					
california sister	<i>Adelpha bredowii</i>	2-3. Apr-Nov	cR	oaks, esp. <i>Quercus</i> - canyon and live oaks	saps, rotting fruit, aphid honeydew; rarely, CA buckeye, coyotebrush
lorquin's admiral	<i>Limenitis lorquini</i>	2-3. Mar-Oct	cR	willow, cottonwood, orchard trees, chokecherry	occasionally CA buckeye, verba santa, privet; also bird droppings and dung
Monarchs (Subfamily Danaeinae)					
queen	<i>Danaus gilippus</i>	1?, Mar-Nov?	rS?	milkweeds	flower nectar, including milkweeds, fogfruit, shepherd's needle
monarch	<i>Danaus plexippus</i>	1-3?, Jan-Dec	uRcM	milkweeds (<i>Asclepias</i> spp)	milkweeds, thistles, many garden flowers
Satyrs (Subfamily Satyrinae)					
common wood-nymph	<i>Cercyonis pegala</i>	1. May-Aug	fR	perennial grasses	rarely nectars at dogbane, Monardella, thistle, yellow composites
great basin wood-nymph	<i>Cercyonis sthenele</i>	1. May-Sep	uR	grasses	legumes, milkweeds, dogbanes, asters, buckwheats
California (Common) ringlet	<i>Coenonympha tullia californica</i>	2-3. Feb-Nov	cR	grasses (<i>Poaceae</i>)	occasionally nectars - fiddlenecks, thistles, asters, verba santa, etc.
Skippers (Family Hesperidae)					
Spread-wing Skippers (Subfamily Pyrrinae)					
silver-spotted skipper	<i>Eparcivres clarus</i>	1. May-Jul	rR?	pea family plants - locusts, lotus, prob. vetches	variety, incl. CA buckeye, milkweed, red clover, dogbanes, thistles
northern cloudywing	<i>Thorybes pylades</i>	1. Mar-Jul	uR	lotus, vetches, others in pea family	mints, vetches, thistles, CA buckeye, brodiaea; also mud
sleepy duskywing	<i>Erynnis brizo</i>	1. Mar-May	rR	Scrub oak (<i>Quercus ilicifolia</i>), other shrubby oaks	verbena, redbud, heaths, dandelions; puddles
funereal duskywing	<i>Erynnis funeralis</i>	1+. Feb-Nov?	rRS?	legumes - lotus, alfalfa	avid flower visitor
mournful duskywing	<i>Erynnis tristis</i>	3-4. Feb-Oct	cR	<i>Quercus</i> spp., incl. <i>arifolia</i> , <i>lobata</i> , and <i>douglasii</i>	tall flowers: buckwheats, star thistle, milkweeds, verba santa, CA buckeye
pacific duskywing	<i>Erynnis pacuvius</i>	1. May-Jul	uR?	ceanothus spp, buckthorn, wild lilac, hairy ceanothus	low flowers: buckbrush, yellow composites, vetches, mints; avid puddler
persius duskywing	<i>Erynnis persius</i>	1+. Mar-Oct?	rR?	lotus and other legumes	dogbane; puddles
proportus duskywing	<i>Erynnis proportus</i>	1. Mar-Jul	cR	oaks, <i>Q. arifolia</i>	blue dicks, verba santa, ceanothus, vetches, CA buckeye
northern white-skipper	<i>Helioptes ericetorum</i>	2. Apr-Oct	fR	mallows, globe & others	avid flower visitor: verba santa, yellow composites, mints
common sootywing	<i>Pholisora catullus</i>	1+. Feb-Nov?	rR	lambquarters, pigweed, amaranths	flower nectar, incl. dogbane, marjoram, oxalis, white clover, milkweed
common checkered-skipper	<i>Pyrgus communis</i>	1+. Mar-Nov	fR	mallows	various flowers incl. mints, lotus, composites, fiddlenecks
two-banded checkered-skipper	<i>Pyrgus ruralis</i>	1. Mar-Jun	uR	cinquefoils, horkelias	Flower nectar
Grass Skippers (Subfamily Hesperinae)					
sachem	<i>Atalopedes campestris</i>	1+, Mar-Oct?	rR	bermuda, other lawn grasses	various flowers - thistles, composites, etc.
Dodge's (western branded) skipper	<i>Hesperia colorado dodgei</i>	1. Jun-Sep	rR?	grasses: fescue (<i>Festuca</i>)	asters, thistles, mints, milkweeds, etc.
columbian skipper	<i>Hesperia columbia</i>	2. Apr-Oct?	rR	perennial chaparral bunchgrasses (e.g., <i>Koeleria cristata</i>)	asters, goldenrods, dogbanes, milkweeds; puddler
lindsey's skipper	<i>Hesperia lindseyi</i>	1. Apr-Jun	rR	perennial bunchgrasses: Idaho fescue, CA oatgrass	thistles, mule's ears and other composites
fiery skipper	<i>Hylephila phyleus</i>	3+, Mar-Nov?	fR	bermuda grasses, lawn grasses (<i>Poaceae</i>)	many flowers, esp. in gardens: zinnias, marigolds, lantana, etc.
rural skipper	<i>Ochlodes agricola</i>	1. Apr-Aug	cR	perennial grasses	principally CA buckeye, also Monardella, dogbane
woodland skipper	<i>Ochlodes sylvanoides</i>	1-2. Jun-Nov	cR	perennial grasses	many flowers: asters, thistles, verbena, tarweeds, etc.
umber skipper	<i>Poanes melane</i>	2-3. Mar-Nov	fR	grasses - Bermuda, etc.	thistles, etc.
sandhill skipper	<i>Polites sabuleti</i>	1+. Mar-Nov	rR	saltgrass, bermuda grass, lawn grasses	lippias, heliotropes, asters

