

PV/South Bay Butterflies Checklist
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The following is a list of most of the species of butterflies that have been documented in the Palos Verdes Peninsula area in recent years. Most can be seen during the summer, and a few are visible all year. Species marked with “S” are those that are primarily visible only during spring, mainly mid Feb. through April. Those species with strong associations to their host plants have the name of the major (or sole) host plant in parenthesis. By completing this checklist you can help us monitor the presence of species in our area and thus help assess the ecological health of the area. An asterisk indicates a very rare species, generally out of its range in our area.

	Papilionidae (Swallowtails)
	Anise Swallowtail (fennel)
	Giant Swallowtail (citrus)
	Western Swallowtail (riparian plants)
	*Pale Swallowtail
	*Two-tailed Swallowtail
	Pieridae (Whites and Yellows)
	Checkered White (crucifers)
	Cabbage White (crucifers)
	Orange Sulfur (legumes)
	Cloudless Sulfur (sennas)
	Sleepy Orange (sennas)
	Dainty Sulfur (<i>Bidens</i>)
	Sara Orange-tip <i>S</i> (crucifers)
	Lycaenidae (Coppers, Hairstreaks and Blues)
	*Brown Elfin (Dodder)
	*Green/Bramble Hairstreak
	Gray Hairstreak
	Western Pygmy-Blue (Australian Saltbush)
	Marine Blue (esp. <i>Plumbago</i>)
	*Reakirt's Blue (legumes)
	Western Tailed-blue <i>S</i> (<i>Astragalus</i>)
	Spring Azure <i>S</i>
	Palos Verdes Blue <i>S</i> (<i>Astragalus</i> , Deerweed)
	<i>Square-spotted Blue group</i>
	a. El Segundo Blue (Coast Buckwheat)
	b. Bernardino Blue (California Buckwheat)
	c. “Ashy-leaf” Blue: (Ashy-leaf Buckwheat)
	Acmon Blue (buckwheats, legumes)

	Riodinidae (Metalmarks)
	Fatal Metalmark (Mulefat)
	Nymphalidae (Brushfoots)
	Gulf Fritillary
	*Satyr Comma (nettle)
	Mourning Cloak
	American Lady (composites, e.g. <i>Gnaphalium</i>)
	Painted Lady (thistles, mallows, others)
	West Coast Lady (mallows)
	Red Admiral (nettles)
	Common Buckeye (monkeyflower and other figworts)
	*Common Ringlet (grasses)
	Monarch (milkweeds)
	Queen (milkweeds)
	Hesperiidae (Skippers)
	Funereal Duskywing (legumes)
	Com/White Checkered-Skipper (mallows)
	Northern White-Skipper (mallows)
	<i>(Note: the following skippers use grasses but may occur on many other plants, esp. Lantana)</i>
	Fiery Skipper
	Sandhill Skipper
	Sachem/Field Skipper
	Woodland Skipper
	Umber Skipper
	Eufala Skipper
	<i>Skipper sp.</i>