



Butterfly Larval Plants in Sonoma County

Habitat Niche: Riparian and Other Edges

<u>Butterfly</u>	<u>Host Plants</u>
California Sister	Oaks, especially Canyon Liveoak
Mourning Cloak*	Willow, Poplar, Alder, <i>Celtis</i>
Lorquin's Admiral	Willow, Poplar
Tiger Swallowtail*	Willow, Poplar, Alder, Sycamore
Pipevine Swallowtail*	<i>Aristolochia</i> (any species except <i>A. elegans</i>)
Pale Swallowtail	<i>Rhamnus</i> , <i>Holodiscus</i>
Anglewing	Nettles, Hops
Buckeye* (flat, open, linear flyway)	Plantain, <i>Diplacus</i> , Snapdragons, <i>Cymbalaria murakis</i> , other Scrophs
Checkerspot* (require elevation)	Plantain, <i>Diplacus</i> , California Bee Plant, Snowberry; some species use <i>Penstemon</i>
Pygmy Blue (freshwater shoreline species)	<i>Atriplex</i>
Echo Blue*	Buds and flowers of many shrubs and trees, e.g., Buckeye, Oak, <i>Ceanothus</i> , Toyon, Dogwood, Coffeeberry, <i>Holodiscus</i> ; early and late broods use different host plant
Purplish Copper	<i>Polygonum</i> and <i>Rumex</i>
Oak woodland edge species:	
Great Purple Hairstreak (partial to nectar of <i>Asclepias fascicularis</i>)	Mistletoe
Duskywing Skipper	Oaks
Ox-eyed Satyr	Grasses
Veined White (partial to nectar of <i>Cynoglossum grande</i> ; follows drainages)	<i>Dentaria</i> and other mustards
Far-ranging butterflies that require extensive flyways and specialized conditions:	
Sara Orange-tip	<i>Arabis glabra</i> and other mustards
California Dogface	<i>Amorpha</i>
Anise Swallowtail*	Umbellifers, especially fennel

*Garden visitor or inhabitant

Habitat Niche: Migrants

Migrations often follow waterways and shorelines.

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Monarch*	<i>Asclepias</i>
Painted Lady*	Thistles, Mallows, Lupines, and Nettles
Tortoiseshell	<i>Ceanothus</i>
Sulfers (migratory meadow-dwellers)	Legumes

Habitat Niche: Meadow

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Blues (may have a dependency on an ant species)	Eriogonums, Legumes
Fririllaries	\Vild Violets, <i>Passiflora</i>
Crescentspots	<i>Aster</i> (Field Crescent) Thistle (Mylitta Crescent)
Ringlet* (where grass is not mowed)	Grasses
Golden Grass Skippers*	Grasses and <i>Carex</i>

Habitat Niche: Garden

<u>Butterfly</u>	<u>Host Plants</u>
Red Admiral* (seeks a riparian aspect)	Nettles, Pellitory, Babyø Tears, Hops
Virginia Lady* (an edge species that migrates)	Everlastings (<i>Gnaphalium</i> , <i>Anaphalis</i>)
West Coast Lady	Mallows
Checkered Skipper	Mallows
Gray Hairstreak	Mallows (also <i>Erigonum</i> , beans, and Blackberry, among many others)
Cabbage White	Mustards and Nasturtium

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