Palo Alto Battlefield

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Butterfly Checklist

BUTTERFLIES, PALO ALTO BATTLEFIELD, AND CHANGE

To many, butterflies are simple, carefree creatures, fluttering about the flowers, their beautiful wings glittering in the sunlight. To scientists, butterflies are complex insects that undergo a complete metamorphosis from egg to caterpillar to pupa to adult.

Palo Alto Battlefield NHP has also undergone a metamorphosis. On May 8, 1846, this prairie was a scene of conflict as U.S. and Mexican soldiers clashed in the first battle of the U.S.-Mexican War. That day, the thunder of hoofbeats, smell of gunpowder, and clouds of smoke filled the air.

Today, visitors listen to the calls of mockingbirds and watch butterflies fluttering among wildflowers that create a colorful colored carpet of purples, reds, and yellows. Just as the transformation from caterpillars to butterflies, Palo Alto Battlefield has changed from a scene of conflict to a site of healing and remembrance.

	SWALLOWTAILS FAMILY	
Pipevine Swallowtail	Polydamus Swallowtail	Black Swallowtail
Giant Swallowtail	Ornythion Swallowtail	Ruby-spotted Swallowtail
WH	ITES AND YELLOWS FAMIL	Y
Florida White	Checkered White	Great Southern White
Giant White		
	SULPHURS	
Orange Sulphur	Southern Dogface	White-angled Sulphur
Yellow-angled Sulphur	Cloudless Sulphur	Orange-barred Sulphur
Large Orange Sulphur	Lyside Sulphur	Barred Yellow
Boisduval's Yellow	Mexican Yellow	Tailed Orange
Little Yellow	Mimosa Yellow	Sleepy Orange
Dainty Sulphur		
	GOSSAMERWINGS FAMILY	
	HAIRSTREAKS	
Great Purple Hairstreak	Silver-banded Hairstreak	Xami Hairstreak (coastal)
Gray Hairstreak	Red-crescent Scrub-Hairstreak	Yojoa Scrub-hairstreak
Lacey's Scrub-hairstreak	Mallow Scrub-hairstreak	Lantana Scrub-hairstreak
Dusky-blue Groundstreak	Clytie Ministreak	
	BLUES	
Western Pygmy-blue	Cassius Blue	Marine Blue
Cyna Blue	Ceraunus Blue	Reakirt's Blue
	METALMARKS FAMILY	
Fatal Metalmark	Rounded Metalmark	Red-bordered Metalmark
Blue Metalmark (coastal)	Red-bordered Pixie	nea soraerea metaman
	BRUSHFOOTS FAMILY	
American Snout		
HE	LICONIANS & FRITILLARIE	S
Gulf Fritillary	Mexican Silverspot	Julia Heliconian
_Zebra Heliconian	Variegated Fritillary	Mexican Fritillary
	TRUE BRUSH FOOTS	
Theona Checkerspot	Bordered Patch	Definite Patch (coastal)
_Crimson Patch	Elada Checkerspot	Texan Crescent
_Pale-banded Crescent	Vesta Crescent	Phaon Crescent
Pearl Crescent	Question Mark	American Lady
Painted Lady	Red Admiral	Common Buckeye
Tropical Buckeye (coastal)	White Peacock	Banded Peacock

_Band-celled Sister _Blue-eyed Sailor _Gray Cracker	ADMIRAL AND RELATIVES Common BannerRed RimGuatemalan Cracker	Mexican Bluewing Malachite Ruddy Daggerwing
_Tropical Leafwing	LEAFWINGSGoatweed Leafwing	
_Hackberry _Pavon Emperor	EMPERORS Empress LeiliaSilver Emperor	Tawny Emperor
Gemmed Satyr	SATYRSCarolina Satyr	
	MONARCHS	
_Monarch	Queen	Soldier
_Guava Skipper _Zilpa Longtail _ Longtailed Skipper _ Brown Longtail _Potrillo Skipper _Glazed Pellicia _Sickle-winged Skipper _Horace's Duskywing _White Checkered-skipper _Erichson's White-skipper _East-Mexican White-skipper	SKIPPERS FAMILY SPREAD-WINGED SKIPPERS Mercurial SkipperGold-spotted Aguna Dorantes LongtailTwo-barred FlasherFalcate SkipperMazans ScallopwingBrown-banded SkipperMournful DuskywingTropical Checkered-skipperLaviana White-skipperCommon Streaky-skipper	White-striped LongtailEmerald AgunaTeleus LongtailCoyote CloudywingMimosa SkipperTexas-powdered SkipperWhite-patched SkipperFunereal DuskywingDesert Checkered-skipperTurk's Cap White-skipperCommon Sootywing
_Pale-rayed Skipper (coastal) _Clouded Skipper _Fiery Skipper _Sachem _Celia's Roadside-skipper _Olive-clouded Skipper _Ocola Skipper	GRASS SKIPPERS _Julia's Skipper _Double-dotted Skipper (coastal) _Whirlabout _Common Mellana _Eufala Skipper _Brazilian Skipper _Purple-washed Skipper OTHER BUTTERFLIES	Fawn-spotted SkipperSouthern SkipperlingSouthern Broken-dashNysa Roadside-skipperViolet-clouded SkipperObscure Skipper (coastal)Evan's Skipper
	DATE:	TIME:

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