



Bee

Bees are insects that are commonly found flying around in gardens and are amazing pollinators for a variety of plants.

Size: around 15 mm in length

Coloration: Bodies contain a yellow-ish orange and black striped pattern. The wings are transparent. **Diet:** Nectar from surrounding flowers



California Ground Squirrel

California ground squirrels can commonly be seen all year round throughout all of California. They can oftentimes be considered a pest in urbanized areas..

Size: Up to 2 lbs and 46 cm in length.

Coloration: Ground squirrels have brown-gray fur with white spotting or flecks on their backs and a long, bushy tail.

Diet: Primarily herbivorous, Ground Squirrels feed on berries, plant stems, leaves, and nuts, but occasionally may eat insects or rodents.



Bird-House Finch

A common finch in suburbs and brushy, wooded areas. They can be seen year-round.

Wingspan: 9.5 in.

Diet: Seeds and fruit.

Coloration: Males have red coloration, while females are drab and brown.



Western Fence Lizard

These lizards commonly sun themselves when not eating. They also hibernate, so they will not be seen during the winter months.

Size: 5-21 cm in length.

Coloration: Brown or black with striping on their backs, commonly have a blue belly.

Diet: Primarily insects.

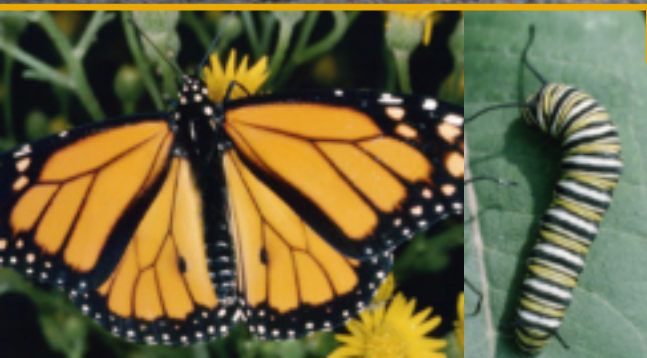


Rabbit-Desert Cottontail

Desert cottontails are seen more commonly at dusk and dawn and are pretty skittish, avoiding humans and other animals that may be near them.

Size: Up to 3.25 lbs and 33-43 cm in length. Females are usually larger than male.

Coloration: Desert Cottontails are tan and gray with lighter shading on their underside. They have long, erect ears and a small white tail.



Monarch Butterfly

Monarch butterflies are insects that start their lives out as caterpillars. The caterpillars will metamorphosize into their butterfly stage. They are great pollinators to many flowering plants and are commonly seen around home gardens!

Size: 10 - 13 cm in length

Coloration: As a caterpillar, a monarch has black, white, and yellow stripes, As butterflies monarchs have black bodies with wings that contain bright orange and black with white spots throughout.

Diet: As a caterpillar, monarchs feed on milkweed leaves. As a butterfly, they nectar from milkweed flowers