

# Crystal Cove Butterfly Guide

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## *Fiery Skipper*

**Description:** The fiery skipper is found in temperate areas throughout the world. Often seen in open spaces.

**Larval Foodplant:** Bermuda grass.

**Occurrence:** April—November.

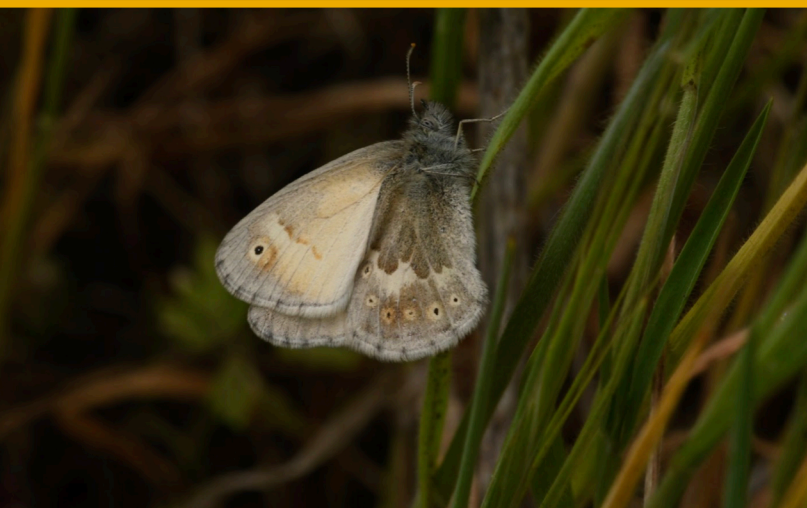


## *Woodland Skipper*

**Description:** Widespread butterfly throughout the west. Woodland skippers are easy to confuse with rural and umber skippers.

**Larval Foodplant:** Unidentified grasses.

**Occurrence:** May—October.



## *Common Ringlet*

**Description:** A small cream or yellowish-brown butterfly common in grasslands. Their flight is often described as floppy, and they stay low to the grasses.

**Larval foodplant:** Grasses, native and introduced

**Occurrence:** March-August



## *Monarch Butterfly*

**Description:** One of the most known and best studied butterflies. Completes migration from Canada to Mexico every year over multiple generations. Often seen gliding around the park.

**Larval Foodplant:** Milkweeds.

**Occurrence:** All Year.



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## Western Tiger Swallowtail

**Description:** One of the largest butterflies found in Orange County. Often seen in riparian areas. Can be confused with the Pale Swallowtail, which has a cream color and thicker black stripes.

**Larval Foodplant:** Sycamores, willows, cottonwoods.

**Occurrence:** December—September.



## Sara Orangetip

**Description:** Small white butterfly with orange wing tips. Almost always in flight. Most often seen patrolling foothill slopes and valley streams.

**Larval Foodplant:** Mustards.

**Occurrence:** January—June.



## Gray Hairstreak

**Description:** Most widespread hairstreak in North America. Unlike other hairstreaks, often bask with wings open. Contains two prominent orange spots and orange and white striping on underside of the wings.

**Larval Foodplant:** Buckwheat, Mallow, Knotweed, etc.

**Occurrence:** February—November.