

HESPERIIDAE

EPARGYREUS CLARUS - SILVERSPOTTED SKIPPER



CATERPILLAR Yellow with transverse subdorsal black streaks; T1 black and narrower than head and T2; true legs and midabdominal prolegs orange. Head black with two prominent anterior orange spots.

ADULT Wingspan 4.5 centimeters. Forewings dark brown; each forewing has a large yellow-orange medial patch. Hindwings dark brown, ventrally each hindwing with a large silver medial patch.

ECOLOGY Caterpillars are uncommon in most of our area; feed on Fabaceae, particularly lotus, in the Pacific Northwest during July and August. Adults are diurnal; fly from early to midsummer. Found in open wet forests and riparian habitats at lower elevations; widely distributed throughout North America.

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PROPERTIUS DUSKY WING - *ERYNNIS PROPERTIUS*



CATERPILLAR Pale green with white speckles and a faint yellow subdorsal longitudinal line. Head brown with tan patches.

ADULT Wingspan 4.2 centimeters. Forewings dark black-brown with extensive pale gray scales and a row of small white postmedian spots. Hindwings dark black-brown.

ECOLOGY Caterpillars are common; feed on oak and chinquapin during late spring. Adults are diurnal; fly in spring. Found in dry, open forests and oak woodlands from southern California to British Columbia.

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PYRGUS COMMUNIS - CHECKERED SKIPPER



CATERPILLAR Light brown with small white dots and densely covered with short white hairs; T1 black and narrower than head and T2. Head black.

ADULT Wingspan 2.6 centimeters. Forewings black with white discal spots, a white median band, and white submarginal spots. Hindwings black with a white median band and white submarginal spots.

ECOLOGY Caterpillars are common; feed on Malvaceae during late spring. Adults are diurnal; fly throughout the summer. Found in open meadows and disturbed forest habitat at lower elevations; widely distributed in western North America.