



OCTOBER ECO-BLITZ CHALLENGE

CALIFORNIA PATCH BUTTERFLY



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California Patch Butterfly (*Chlosyne californica*)

- From the Brushfooted family.
- Wingspan is 1 ¼-2 inches (32-51mm).
- Black and orange pattern; upper side of the wings is black at the base, with a broad orange median band and large submarginal spots. The underside is similar and has a red spot near the abdomen.
- Caterpillars feed on Parish Goldeneye and sunflowers; and the adults feed on the flower nectar while pollinating each species.
- They live in desert washes and canyons throughout the southwest.
- Males can be found perching on hilltops in search of females, known as “hill-topping.”

Sources:

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