

Butterfly Larval Host Plants - Desert Survivors

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<i>Abutilon</i> spp.	Desert Mallows	Arizona powdered skipper, Northern white skipper, Common streaky skipper, Common checkered skipper
<i>Acaciella angustissima</i> (<i>Acacia angustissima</i>)	Fernball Acacia	Mimosa yellow, Mexican yellow, Gold-costa skipper, Acacia skipper, Ceraunus blue, Reakirt's blue
<i>Achillea millefolia</i>	Yarrow	Painted lady
<i>Agave</i> spp.	Agaves, century plants	Arizona giant skipper
<i>Amorpha</i> spp.	False indigo	Silver spotted skipper, Southern dogface, Gray hairstreak, Marine blue
<i>Anisicanthus</i> spp.	Desert honeysuckle	Elada checkerspot, Arizona checkerspot
<i>Aristolochia watsonii</i>	Dutchman's pipevine	Pipevine swallowtail
<i>Asclepias</i> spp.	Milkweeds	Queen, Soldier, & Monarchs for selected species
<i>Arabis perennans</i> (<i>Boecherra perennans</i>)	Perennial rockcress	Spring white, Cabbage white, Desert marble, Pearly marble, Sara orange tip, Checkered white
<i>Artemisia dracunculus</i>	False tarragon	Baird's Old World swallowtail
<i>Artemisia ludoviciana</i>	Western mugwort	Painted lady, American lady
<i>Atriplex</i> spp.	Saltbush	Western pygmy blue, Mohave sooty wing, Saltbush sooty wing
<i>Baccharis salicifolia</i>	Seepwillow	Fatal metalmark, Elada checkerspot
<i>Bauhinia lunaroides</i>	Anacacho Orchid Tree	Gold spotted skipper
<i>Bidens aurea</i>	Arizona beggarticks	Arizona metalmark, Dainty sulphur
<i>Bothriochloa barbinodis</i>	Cane beardgrass	Slaty roadside skipper
<i>Bouteloua curtipendula</i>	Sideoats grama grass	Elissa roadside skipper, Sheep skipper, Oslar's roadside skipper, Bronze roadside skipper
<i>Bouteloua gracilis</i>	Blue grama grass	Uncas skipper, Pahaska skipper
<i>Calliandra</i> spp.	Fairyduster	Ceraunus blue, Marine blue
<i>Carlowrightia arizonica</i>	Arizona wrightwort	Texas crescent
<i>Ceanothus greggii</i>	Gregg's deerbrush	Nais metalmark, Arizona hairstreak, Southwestern azure, Pacuvius duskywing, California tortoiseshell
<i>Celtis pallida</i>	Desert hackberry	Empress leila, Hackberry emperor, Tawny emperor, American snout
<i>Celtis reticulata</i>	Canyon hackberry	Empress leila, Hackberry emperor, Tawny emperor, American snout, Question Mark, Mourning cloak
<i>Cercocarpus breviflorus</i>	Hairy mountain mohogany	Gray hairstreak
<i>Cirsium arizonicum</i>	Arizona thistle	Mylitta crescent, Painted lady
<i>Clematis</i> spp.	Clematis	Fatal metalmark

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<i>Clitoria mariana</i>	Butterfly pea	Long tailed skipper, Golden banded skipper, Desert cloudywing, Dorantes long tail, Funereal duskywing
<i>Convolvulus equitans</i>	Silver bindweed	Painted crescent
<i>Coursetia glandulosa</i>	Baby bonnets	Funereal duskywing
<i>Cupressus arizonica</i>	Arizona cypress	Juniper hairstreak
<i>Dalea</i> spp.	Prairie clover	Reakirt's blue, Southern dogface, Gray hairstreak
<i>Desmanthus cooleyi</i>	Cooley bundleflower	Ceraunus blue, Reakirt's blue
<i>Desmodium</i> spp.	Tickclover	Dorantes longtail, Silver spotted skipper, Desert cloudywing, Northern cloudy wing
<i>Dicliptera resupinata</i>	Arizona foldwing	Texas crescent
<i>Dieteria asteroides</i>	Fall tansyaster	Sabino checkerspot
<i>Diospyros texana</i>	Texas persimmon	Gray hairstreak
<i>Ebanopsis ebano</i>	Texas ebony	Ceraunus blue, Orange sulphur
<i>Eriogonum</i> spp.	Buckwheat	Lupine blue, Ceraunus blue, Rita dotted blue, Acmon blue, Brown elfin, Mormon metalmark
<i>Erysimum capitatum</i>	Sanddune wallflower	Cabbage white
<i>Eysenhardtia</i> spp.	Kidneywood	Arizona hairstreak, Marine blue, Ceraunus blue, Gray hairstreak
<i>Fleischmannia sonorae</i> (<i>Eupatorium sonorae</i>)	Lavender thoroughwort	Bordered patch
<i>Fraxinus velutina</i>	Arizona ash	Two-tailed swallowtail
<i>Galactia wrightii</i>	Wright's milkpea	Marine blue, Funereal duskywing, Long-tailed skipper, Silver spotted skipper, White striped long tail
<i>Galliardia</i> spp.	Blanketflower	Bordered patch
<i>Gossypium thurberi</i>	Desert cotton	Painted lady, Gray hairstreak
<i>Graptopetalum rusbyi</i>	Rusby's stonecrop	Xami hairstreak
<i>Guaiacum</i> spp.	Lignum-vitae	Gray hairstreak, Lyside sulphur
<i>Havardia pallens</i>	Tenaza	Marine blue, Ceraunus blue
<i>Herissantia crispa</i>	Bladdermallow	Arizona powdered skipper, Texas powdered skipper, Erichson's white skipper, Northern white skipper
<i>Hesperostipa neomexicana</i>	New Mexico feathergrass	Uncas skipper
<i>Hibiscus martianus</i> (<i>H. cardiophyllus</i>)	Heart leaved hibiscus	Mallow scrub hairstreak, Gray hairstreak
<i>Humulus lupulus</i> var. <i>neomexicanus</i>	New Mexico hops	Question mark, Mourning cloak, Red admiral
<i>Hymenothrix wrightii</i>	Wright thimblehead	Dainty sulphur
<i>Hyptis emoryi</i>	Desert lavender	Gray hairstreak

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<i>Imperata breviflora</i>	Satintail grass	Clouded skipper
<i>Indigofera sphaerocarpa</i>	Indigo bush	Gray hairstreak, Reakirt's blue, Silver spotted skipper
<i>Janusia gracilis (Cottisia gracilis)</i>	Slender janusia	Funereal duskywing, White patched skipper, Brown banded skipper
<i>Juniperus monosperma</i>	Oneseed juniper	Juiniper hairstreak
<i>Justicia</i> spp.	Justicia	Tiny checkerspot, Texas crescent, Pearl crescent
<i>Krameria erecta</i>	Range ratany	Mormon metalmark
<i>Leptochloa dubia (Disakisperma dubium)</i>	Green sprangletop	Orange skipperling, Sheep skipper, Nysa roadside skipper, Olive-clouded skipper
<i>Leucophyllum</i> spp.	Texas ranger	Theona checkerspot
<i>Linum lewlsii</i>	Blue flax	Mexican fritillary, Variegated fritillary
<i>Lippia nudiflora</i>	Frog fruit	Phaon crescent, Tropical buckeye
<i>Lonicera interrupta</i>	Chapparal honeysuckle	Chalcedon checkerspot
<i>Lotus rigidus</i>	Shrubby deer vetch	Acmon blue, Funereal duskywing
<i>Lysiloma microphylla var. thornberi</i>	Desert fern	Large orange sulphur
<i>Machaeranthera tanacetifolius</i>	Tansyleaf aster	Sagebrush checkerspot, Bordered patch, Pearl crescent
<i>Malvastrum bicuspidatum</i>	Shrubby false mallow	Westcoast lady, Desert checkered skipper, Tropical checkered skipper
<i>Marina parryi</i>	Parry's false prairie clover	Southern dogface
<i>Mariosousa millefolia (Acacia millefolia)</i>	Santa Rita acacia	Marine blue
<i>Matelea</i> spp.	Milkweed vine	Queen
<i>Maurandya antirrhiniflora</i>	Snapdragon vine	Common buckeye
<i>Mimosa</i> spp.	Mimosa	Reakirt's blue, Mimosa yellow
<i>Mimulus guttatus</i>	Yellow monkeyflower	Common buckeye
<i>Muhlenbergia dumosa</i>	Bamboo muhly	Orange skipperling, Cestus skipper
<i>Muhlenbergia emersleyi</i>	Bull grass	Nabakov's satyr, Red bordered satyr, Moon marked skipper, Large roadside skipper
<i>Nolina microcarpa</i>	Beargrass	Gray hairstreak
<i>Panicum bulbosum (Zuloagaea bulbosa)</i>	Apache red grass	Cassus roadside skipper, Texas roadside skipper
<i>Panicum obtusum</i>	Vine mesquite grass	Dotted roadside skipper
<i>Passiflora</i> spp.	Passion flower	Gulf fritillary, Mexican fritillary, Variegated fritillary
<i>Plumbago zeylantica (P. scandens)</i>	Leadwort	Marine blue
<i>Porophyllum gracile</i>	Odora	Dainty sulphur

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<i>Prosopis velutina</i>	Velvet mesquite	Marine blue, Reakirt's blue, Ceraunus blue, Palmer's metalmark, Leda ministreak
<i>Prunus serotina</i>	Black cherry	Two-tailed swallowtail, Viceroy, Red spotted purple, Spring azure
<i>Psuedognaphalium leucocephalum</i>	Sonoran everlasting	American lady
<i>Ptelea trifoliata</i>	Hop tree	Two-tailed swallowtail, Giant swallowtail
<i>Quercus</i> spp.	Oak	Arizona sister, Dull fire tip, Ilavia hairstreak, Sleepy duskywing, Juvenal's duskywing
<i>Rhamnus californica</i>	California buckthorn	Spring azure, Gray hairstreak
<i>Rhus aromatica</i>	Lemonade berry	Spring azure
<i>Rhynchosia</i> spp.	Snoutbean	White striped longtail, Ceraunus blue
<i>Ribes aurea</i>	Golden currant	Hoary comma
<i>Robinia neomexicana</i>	New Mexico locust	Funereal duskywing, Boisduval's yellow, Mexican yellow, Silver spotted skipper
<i>Ruellia</i> spp.	Ruellia	Common buckeye, Tropical buckeye
<i>Sapindus drummondii</i>	Western soapberry	Soapberry hairstreak
<i>Sarcostemma cynanchoides</i>	Climbing milkweed vine	Queen, Soldier
<i>Senegalia</i> spp. (<i>Acacia greggii</i> , etc)	Catclaw	Mexican yellow, Mimosa yellow, Reakirt's blue, Marine blue
<i>Senna</i> spp.	Senna	Cloudless sulphur, Sleepy orange, Southern dogface, Mexican yellow, Boisduval's yellow
<i>Senecio</i> spp.	Groundsel	American lady
<i>Setaria macrostachya</i>	Plains bristlegrass	Nysa roadside skipper
<i>Sida abutilifolia</i>	Sida	Laviana white skipper, Common checkered skipper, Desert checkered skipper
<i>Sphaeralcea</i> spp.	Globemallow	Gray hairstreak, Northern white skipper, Laviana white skipper, Common streaky skipper, Small checkered skipper, Common checkered skipper, West Coast lady, Painted lady
<i>Stachys coccinea</i>	Western betony	Painted lady
<i>Symphotrichum falcatum</i> var. <i>commutatum</i>	White prairie aster	Pearl crescent
<i>Tephrosia</i> spp.	Hoarypea	White striped skipper, Valeriana skipper
<i>Tetramerium nervosum</i>	Hairy fourwort	Tiny checkerspot, Texas crescent, Elf
<i>Thamnosma texana</i>	Rue of the mountains	Black swallowtail
<i>Thelesperma longipes</i>	Longstalk greenthread	Dainty sulphur
<i>Thymophylla pentacheata</i>	Dogweed	Dainty sulphur
<i>Tithonia fruticosa</i>	Mexican sunflower bush	Bordered patch, Painted lady
<i>Wedelia hispida</i>	Hairy wedelia	Bordered patch
<i>Vachellia</i> spp. (<i>Acacia constricta</i> , etc.)	Acacia	Mexican yellow, Mimosa yellow, Reakirt's blue

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<i>Vauquelinia californica</i>	Arizona rosewood	Two-tailed swallowtail
<i>Veronica anagalis-aquatica</i>	Water speedwell	Common buckeye, Tropical buckeye, Chalcedon checkerspot
<i>Viguiera</i> spp.	Goldeneye	Bordered patch
<i>Yucca</i> spp.	Yucca	Yucca giant skipper, Ursine giant skipper