

Butterfly Flowers in Missoula Valley Grasslands

MARCH

<i>Plant</i>	<i>Butterflies associated with Plant</i>
<i>Ranunculus glaberrimus</i>	Milbert's Tortoiseshell, Hoary Comma, Western White, Cabbage White
<i>Lomatium cous</i>	Spring Azure, Thicket Hairstreak, Old World Swallowtail, Sara Orangetip
<i>Draba verna</i>	Western White, Milbert's Tortoiseshell, Sara Orangetip
<i>Douglasia montana</i>	Milbert's Tortoiseshell, Western White, Old World Swallowtail, Anise Swallowtail, ++

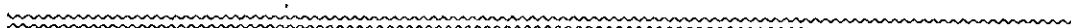
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<i>Arabis nuttallii</i>	Sara Orangetip, Silvery Blue
<i>Arabis holboellii</i>	Sara Orangetip, Large Marble, Spring White Silvery Blue, Western White, Spring Azure
<i>Lomatium macrocarpum</i>	Large Marble, Juniper Hairstreak, Persius Duskywing
<i>Amelanchier alnifolia</i>	Spring Azure
<i>Lomatium ambiguum</i>	Silvery Blue, Boisduval's Blue
<i>Collinsia parviflora</i>	Two-banded Checkered Skipper
<i>Taraxacum officinale</i>	Cabbage White, Sara Orangetip, Silvery Blue Margined White, Milbert's Tortoiseshell, ++

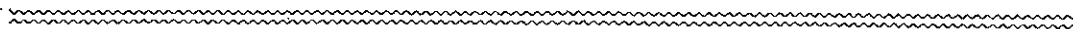
<i>Lithofragma parviflorum</i>	Large Marble, Sara Orangetip, Spring White, Boisduval's Blue, Cabbage White
<i>Lithospermum ruderale</i>	Silvery Blue, Painted Lady, Boisduval's Blue
<i>Lithospermum arvense</i>	Cabbage White, Silvery Blue, Sara Orangetip, Common Checkered Skipper, Large Marble
<i>Balsamorhiza sagittata</i>	Clouded Sulphur, Silvery Blue, Painted Lady, Anise Swallowtail, Large Marble, ++
<i>Lomatium dissectum</i>	Spring Azure
<i>Erysimum asperum</i>	Rustic Blue, Clouded Sulphur, Persius Duskywing, Old World Swallowtail, Snowberry Checkerspot
<i>Potentilla glandulosa</i>	Rustic Blue
<i>Cerastium arvense</i>	Boisduval's Blue, Painted Lady, Rustic Blue, Nevada Skipper, Silvery Blue
<i>Erigeron compositus</i>	Rustic Blue, Arrowhead Blue, Persius Duskywing, Silvery Blue, Common Ringlet, Orange Sulphur
<i>Prunis virginiana</i>	Common Alpine, Saytr Anglewing, Silvery Blue, Purplish Copper, Garita Skipperling, ++
<i>Thlaspi arvense</i>	Sara Orangetip
<i>Ribes aureum</i>	Cabbage White
<i>Lithofragma tenella</i>	Large Marble, Spring White, Boisduval's Blue, Cabbage White, Sara Orangetip

MAY

<i>Antennaria microphylla</i>	Thicket Hairstreak, Rustic Blue, Common Ringlet, Silvery Blue, Boisduval's Blue, Garita Skipperling
<i>Physocarpus malvaceus</i>	Margined White, Pale Swallowtail, Common Ringlet, Painted Lady, Northern Checkerspot, Silvery Blue



<i>Viola nuttallii</i>	Sara Orangetip
<i>Euphorbia esula</i>	Boisduval's Blue, Purplish Copper, Common Ringlet Old World Swallowtail, Silvery Blue, ++
<i>Potentilla recta</i>	Western White, Boisduval's Blue
<i>Camelina microcarpa</i>	Silvery Blue
<i>Phacelia hastada</i>	Boisduval's Blue, Painted Lady, Arrowhead Blue
<i>Arnica cordifolia</i>	Western Pine Elfin, Painted Lady, Saytr Comma Mylitta Crescent, Persius Duskywing, ++
<i>Erigeron divergens</i>	Woodland Skipper, Pine White, Mylitta Crescent, Clouded Sulphur
<i>Symphoricarpus albus</i>	Painted Lady
<i>Oxytropis sericea</i>	Persius Duskywing, Painted Lady
<i>Heuchera cylindrica</i>	Persius Duskywing
<i>Chrysopsis villosa</i>	Boisduval's Blue, Chryxus Arctic, Juba Skipper, Field Crescent, Becker's White, Western White
<i>Zigadenus venenosus</i>	Boisduval's Blue, Silvery Blue
<i>Achillea millefolium</i>	Snowberry Checkerspot, Woodland Skipper, Rustic Blue, Common Alpine, Painted Lady, ++
<i>Cryptantha celosioides</i>	Rustic Blue, Large Marble, Boisduval's Blue, Silvery Blue, Painted Lady, Clouded Sulphur, ++
<i>Sisymbrium altissimum</i>	Large Marble, Purplish Copper, Cabbage White, Roadside Skipper, Snowberry Checkerspot
<i>Pentstemon albertinus</i>	Painted Lady, Two-Tailed Swallowtail, Roadside Skipper



Senecio integerrimus

Persius Duskywing, Common Ringlet, Rustic Blue,
Two-banded Checkered Skipper, Painted Lady

Eriogonum ovalifolium

Rustic Blue, Painted Lady, Persius Duskywing,
Arrowhead Blue, Gray Hairstreak, Silvery Blue,
Boisduval's Blue, Common Ringlet

JUNE

Collomia linearis

Garrita Skipperling

Astragalus miser

Silvery Blue, Persius Duskywing, Boisduval's Blue

Erigeron pumilus

Purplish Copper, Northern Crescent,
Small Wood Nymph, Western White, ++

Senecio canus

Persius Duskywing, Western White, Rustic Blue,
Clouded Sulphur, Common Ringlet, Painted Lady
West Coast Lady, ++

Arenaria capillaris

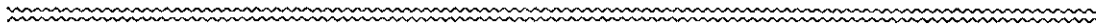
Boisduval's Blue, Painted Lady, Arrowhead Blue,
Large Marble, Nevada Skipper, Rustic Blue, ++

Gaillardia arisata

Boisduval's Blue, Painted Lady, Western White,
Northern Crescent, Garrita Skipperling

Centaurea maculosa

Cabbage White, Common Wood Nymph,
Northern Crescent, Great Spangled Fritillary,
Clouded Sulphur, Woodland Skipper,
Common Branded Skipper, Pine White, ++



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