

## Costa Rica Butterflies

Costa Rica has more butterfly species (1,200+) than birds (900+) due to its warm climate and diverse plant life. Below are butterflies seen during trips in 2016 and 2017 photographed by Dennis Deck, Dan van den Broek, Liam O'Brien, Dennis Paulson, Buck Snelson, Georges Kleinbaum, Karen Kearney, and Linda LaPan. Species identification from our photos was based primarily on *Butterflies of Mexico and Central America* by Glassberg (2007) plus online sources in difficult cases but errors are possible.

### Swallowtails



**Polydamas Swallowtail** (*Battus polydamas*)



**Montezuma's Cattleheart** (*Parides montezuma*)



**Giant Swallowtail** (*Papilio cresphontes*)



**Green-celled Cattleheart** (*Parides childrenae*)



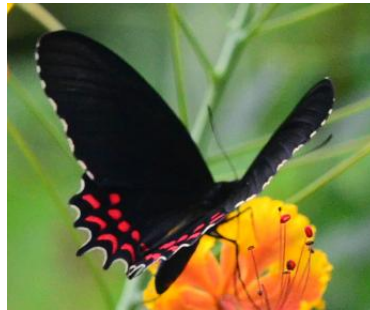
**Variable Cattleheart** (*Parides erithalion*)



**Ruby-spotted Swallowtail** (*Heraclides anchisiades*)

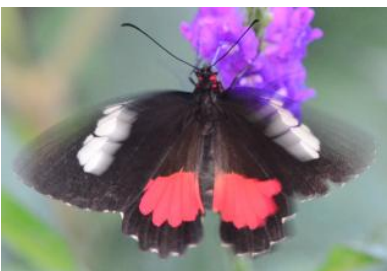


**Transandean Cattleheart** (*Parides iphidamas*)



**Pink-spotted Cattleheart** (*Parides photinus*)

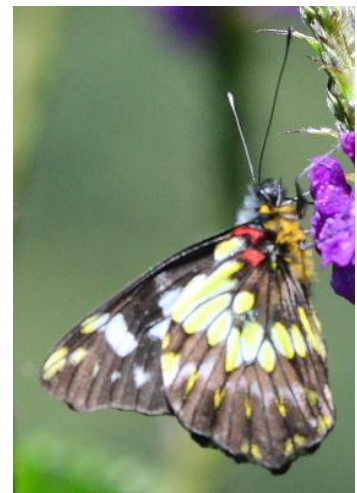
### Whites and Yellows



**Wedge-spotted Cattleheart** (*Parides panares*)



**Thoas Swallowtail** (*Papilio thoas*)



**Mexican Dartwhite** (*Catasticta nimbice*)





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**Green-eyed White** (*Leptophobia aripa*)



**Large Orange Sulphur** (*Phoebis agarithe*)



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**Great Southern White** (*Ascia monuste*)



**Ghost Yellow** (*Eurema albula*)



**Common Melwhite** (*Melete lycimnia*)



**Cattleheart White** (*Archonias brassolis*)



**Apricot Sulphur** (*Phoebis argante*)



**Golden Melwhite** (*Melete polyhymnia*)



**Cloudless Sulphur** (*Phoebis sennae*)



**Straight-lined Sulphur** (*Phoebis trite*)



**Giant White** (*Ganyra josephina*)



**Tailed Sulphur** (*Phoebis neocypris*)





**Statira Sulphur** (*Aphrissa/Phoebis statira*)



**White Angled-Sulphur** (*Anteos clorinde*)



**Zebra Teaser** (*Arawacus sepaerata*)



**Dina Yellow** (*Eurema dina*)



**Skyblue Hairstreak** (*Pseudolycaena damo*)



**Red-spotted Scrub-Hairstreak**  
(*Strymon ziba*)



**Barred Yellow** (*Eurema दौर*)



**Zebra Cross-streak** (*Panthiades bathildis*)



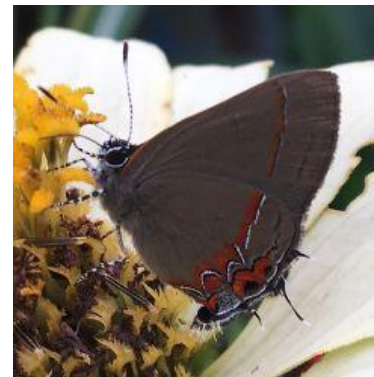
**Pale Ministreak** (*Ministrymon una*)



**Scarce Yellow** (*Eurema xantochlora*)



**Fine-lined Stripe-streak** (*Arawacus sito*)



**Dusky-blue Groundstreak**  
(*Calycopis isobea*)



**Salome Yellow** (*Eurema salome*)

## Hairstreaks





Meton Hairstreak (*Rekoa meton*)



Sword-tailed Beautymark (*Rhetus arcus*)



White-rayed Pixie (*Melanis cephise*)



Field's Groundstreak (*Calycopis drusilla*)



Great Jewelmark (*Anteros kupris*)



Red-bordered Pixie (*Melanis pixe*)



Goodson's Greenstreak ?  
(*Cyanophrys goodsoni*)



Greater Scintillant (*Calephelis sixola*)



Orange-barred Pixie (*Melanis electron*)

## Blues



Ceraunus Blue (*Hemiargus ceraunus*)



Scintillant sp. (*Calephelis sp.*)



Iris Calephelis (*Calephelis iris*)

## Metalmarks



Metalmark sp.



Schaus' Calephelis (*Calephelis schaus*)





Cloaked Scintillant (*Detritivora barnesi*)



Sailer's Lemmark (*Thisbe irenea*)



Variable Lemmark (*Synargis mycone*)



Red-spotted Lemmark  
(*Nymphidium onaeum*)



Blue-winged Sheenmark (*Eurybia lycisca*)



Giant Eyemark (*Mesosemia grandis*)



Brilliant Greenmark (*Caria mantinea*)



Greenmark sp. (*Caria sp.*)



Tanmark sp. (*Emesis sp.*)



Blue Metalmark (*Lasaia sula*)

## Brushfoots



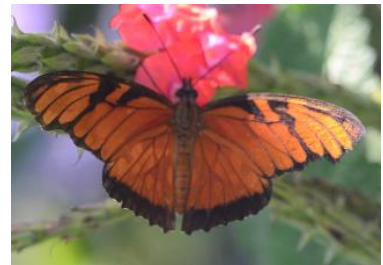
Gulf Fritillary (*Agraulis vanillae*)



Mexican Fritillary (*Euptoieta hegesia*)



Mexican Silverspot (*Dione moneta*)



Juno Heliconian (*Dione juno*)



Julia Heliconian (*Dryas julia*)





**Least Heliconian** (*Euieides aliphera*)



**Zebra Heliconian** (*Heliconius charithonia*)



**Sara Heliconian** (*Heliconius sara*)



**Hewitson's Heliconian** (*Heliconius hewitsoni*)



**Mexican Heliconian** (*Heliconius hortense*)



**Lycaste Tigerwing** (*Hypothyris lycaste*)



**Banded Orange Heliconian**  
(*Dryadula phaetusa*)



**Heart-spotted Heliconian** (*Heliconius hecale*)



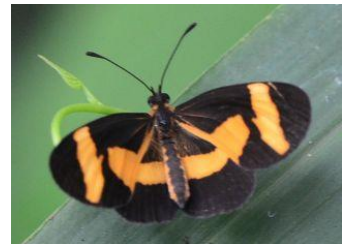
**Grinning Heliconian** (*Heliconius cydno*)



**Nonpassionate Heliconian** (*Euieides procula*)



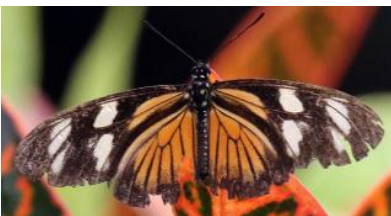
**Five-spotted Heliconian**  
(*Heliconius hecalesia*)



**Elf** (*Microtia elva*)



**Isabella's Heliconian** (*Euieides isabella*)



**Acting Heliconian** (*Euieides vibilia*)





**Theona Checkerspot** (*Chlosyne theona*)



**Crimson Patch** (*Chlosyne janais*)



**Bordered Patch** (*Chlosyne lacinia*)



**Wide-banded Crescent** (*Phycodes tulcis*)



**Creamy Crescent** (*Eresio clio*)



**Pale-banded Crescent** (*Anthanassa tulcis*)



**Blurry Crescent** (*Phycodes nebulosa*)



**Smudged Crescent** (*Castilia eranites*)



**Three-banded Crescent** (*Eresia alsina*)



**Variable Crescent** (*Eresia ithomioides*)



**Black-bordered Tegosa** (*Tegosa anieta*)



**Tropical Buckeye** (*Junonia evarete*)



**White Peacock** (*Anartia jatrophae*)





**Banded Peacock** (*Anartia fatima*)



**Pointer Sister** (*Adelpha iphicles*)



**Barnes' Sister** (*Adelpha barnesia*)



**Rusty-tipped Page** (*Siproeta epaphus*)



**Scarce Sister** (*Adelpha nea*)



**Smooth-banded Sister** (*Adelpha cytherea*)



**Malachite** (*Siproeta stelenes*)



**Confusing Sister** (*Adelpha iphicleola*)



**Yellow-rimmed Eighty-eight** (*Callicore texa*)



**Green Heliconian** (*Philaethria dido*)

--Placed here for comparison--



**Band-celled Sister** (*Adelpha fessonia*)



**Six-spotted Eighty-eight** (*Callicore lyca*)



**Stitched Sister** (*Adelpha erotia*)



**Cecropia Sister** (*Adelpha phylaca*)



**Common Banner** (*Epiphile adrasta*)





**Orange Banner** (*Temenis laothoe*)



**Little Banner** (*Nica flavilla*)



**Red Rim** (*Biblis hyperia*)



**Whitened Bluewing** (*Myscelia cyaniris*)



**Stoplight Catone** (*Catonephele numilia*)



**Starry Cracker** (*Hamadryas laodamia*)



**Gray Cracker** (*Hamadryas februa*)



**Red Cracker** (*Hamadryas aphinome*)



**Variable Cracker** (*Hamadryas feronia*)



**Guatemalan Cracker**  
(*Hamadryas guatemalena*)



**Small Beauty** (*Colobura dirce*)



**Tiger Beauty** (*Tigridia acesta*)



**Bloomfield's Beauty** (*Smyrna blomfildia*)





**Orange Daggerwing** (*Marpesia berania*)



**Waiter Daggerwing** (*Marpesia coresia*)



**Many-banded Daggerwing** (*Marpesia chiron*)



**Ruddy Daggerwing** (*Marpesia petreus*)



**Dappled Daggerwing** (*Marpesia merops*)



**One-spotted Prepona**  
(*Archaeoprepona demophon*)



**Two-spotted Prepona**  
(*Archaeoprepona demophon*)



**Angled Leafwing** (*Anaea glycerium*)



**Jazzy Leafwing** (*Hypna clytemnestra*)



**Tiger Leafwing** (*Consul fabius*)



**Godman's Leafwing** (*Anaea mora*)

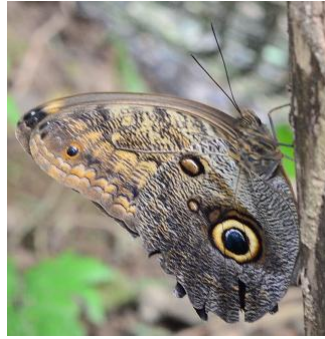


**Orion Cecropian** (*Historis odius*)





**Tailed Cecropian** (*Historis acheronta*)



**Almond-eyed Owl-butterfly**  
(*Caligo brasiliensis*)



**Hermes Satyr** (*Hermeuptychia hermes*)



**Pavon Emperor** (*Doxocopa pavon*)



**Split-banded Owllet** (*Opsiphanes cassina*)



**Transgressive Saytr** (*Euptychia jesia*)



**Common/Blue Morpho** (*Morpho helenor*)



**Quiet Diaph** (*Pierella luna*)



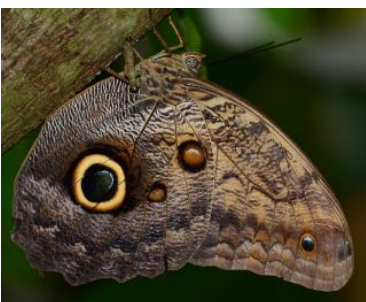
**Confused Satyr** (*Cissia confusa*)



**Red-washed Satyr** (*Pierella helvina*)



**White Satyr** (*Pareuptychia ocirrhoe*)



**Yellow-fronted Owl-butterfly**  
(*Caligo telemonius*)



**White-spotted Satyr** (*Manataria hercyna*)



**Harmonia Satyr** (*Hermeuptychia harmonia*)





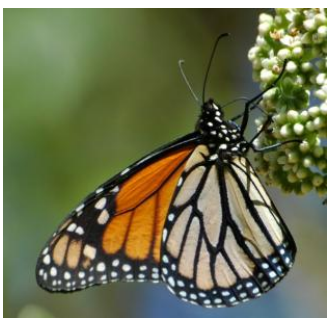
**Pink-tipped Satyr** (*Cithaerias pireta*)



**Guatemalan Ithomia** (*Ithomia patilla*)



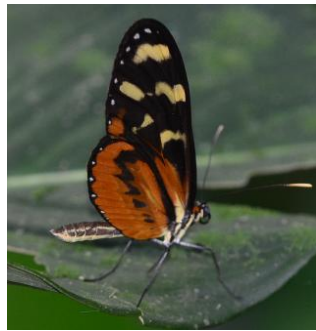
**Thick-tipped Greta** (*Greta morgane*)



**Monarch** (*Danaus plexippus*)



**Tiger Mimic-Queen** (*Lycorea cleobaea*)



**Disturbed Tigerwing** (*Mechanitis polymnia*)



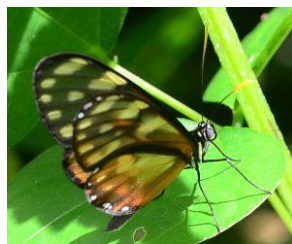
**Confused Tigerwing** (*Mechanitis lysimnia*)



**Klug's Dircenna** (*Dircenna klugii*)



**Heraldica Clearwing** (*Ithomia heraldica*)



**Mechanitis sp.**

## Skippers



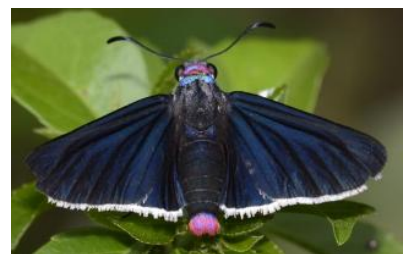
**Red-headed Firetip**  
(*Pyrrhopyge phidias zenodorus*)



**Red-collared Firetip** (*Elbella scylla*)



**Orange-rimmed Firetip**  
(*Pyrrhopyge chalybea*)



**Royal Firetip** (*Mysoria barcastus ambigua*)



**Blue-lined Firetip** (*Jemadia patrobas*)





**Guava Skipper** (*Phocides polybius*)



**Broken Silverdrop** (*Epargyreus exadeus*)



**Yellow-tipped Skipper** (*Astrartes anaphus*)



**Beautiful Beamer** (*Phocides belus*)



**Plain Longtail** (*Urbanus simplicius*)



**Frosted Flasher** (*Astrartes alardus*)



**Spineless Silverdrop** (*Epargyreus aspina*)



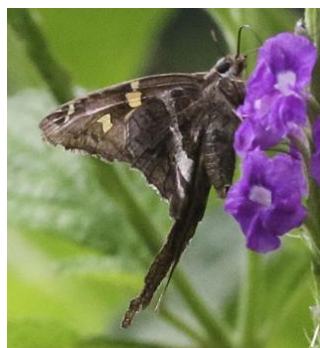
**White-edged Longtail** (*Urbanus albimaro*)



**Silvered Flasher** (*Astrartes creteus*)



**Gold-spotted Aguna** (*Aguna asander*)



**White-striped Longtail** (*Chioides catillus*)



**unknown Aguna** (*Aguna sp.*)



**Coyote Cloudywing** (*Achalraus toxeus*)





**Two-barred Flasher** (*Astraptes fulgerator*)



**White-patched Skipper** (*Chiomara asychis*)



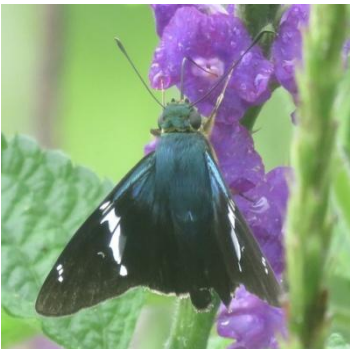
**Brown Longtail** (*Urbanus procne*)



**Mazans Scallopwing** (*Staphylus mazans*)



**Golden-snouted Scallopwing**  
(*Staphylus vulgata*)



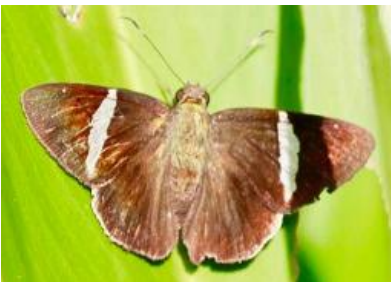
**Short-tailed Flasher** (*Astraptes brevicauda*)



**Long-tailed Skipper** (*Urbanus proteus*)



**Pale Sicklewing** (*Anchlyodes pallida*)



**Sharp Banded-Skipper** (*Autochton zarex*)



**White-tailed Longtail** (*Urbanus doryssus*)



**Brilliant Blue Skipper** (*Paches loxus*)



**Mexican Longtail** (*Polythrix mexicanus*)



**Bluish Mottled-Skipper**  
(*Codatractus imalena*)



**Sharp-banded Skipper** (*Autochton zarex*)

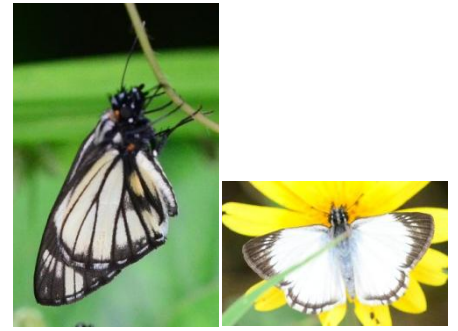




Dark-spotted Polythrix (*Polythrix asine*)



Sickle-winged Skipper  
(*Achlyodes mithridates*)



Alana White-Skipper (*Heliopetes alana*)



Falcate Skipper (*Spathilepia clonius*)



Five-banded Skipper (*Timochares trifasciata*)



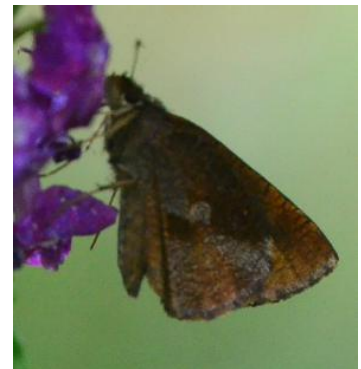
Radiant Brown-Skipper  
(*Callimormus radiosa*)



Glassy-winged Skipper (*Xenophanes tryxus*)



Tropical Checkered-Skipper (*Pyrgus oileus*)



Selenus Skipper (*Synapte salenus*)



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Erikson's White-Skipper  
(*Heliopetes domicella*)



Pasture Brown-Skipper  
(*Vehilius stictomenes*)



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Dusted Spurwing (*Antigonus erosus*)



Veined White-Skipper (*Heliopetes arsalte*)



Latonia Skipper (*Cobalopsis latonia*)





**Skipper sp.**



**Fantastic Skipper (*Vettius fantasos*)**



**Green-backed Ruby-eye (*Perichares philetes*)**



**Yellow-spotted Ruby-eye (*Telles arcalaus*)**



**Whirlabout (*Polites vibex*)**



**Common Glassywing (*Pompeius pompeius*)**



**Coruscating Skipper (*Oxyntes corusca*)**



**Brazilian Skipper (*Calpodex ethlius*)**



**Mimosa Skipper (*Cogia calchaes*)**



**Mella Skipper (*Anatrytone mella*)**



**Dun Skipper (*Euphyres vestris*)**



**Common Mellana (*Quasimellana eulogius*)**



**Eufala Skipper (*Lerodea eufala*)**





**Rich Skipper** (*Halotus rica*)



**Olive-clouded Skipper** (*Lerodea dysaules*)



(*Castniomera drucei*)



**Sickle-winged Skipper** (*Eantis tamenund*)



**Skipper sp.**



(*Isostyla zetila*)

## Day Moths



**Glazed Pellicia** (*Pellicia arina*)



(*Automeris postalbida*)

## Predators



**Praying Mantis eating Gulf Fritillary**