

Hermes Copper Quick Guide:

use to ID Hermes, not other species



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Hermes copper: when perched usually with wings together (left) but can have wings open (right), especially in morning. Underside mostly light orange with some spots of upper wing visible. Upperside mostly brown with orange in middle of forewing with black spots and orange at base of tails on hindwing.



1 Behr's Metalmark (*virgulti*)



2 Mormon Metalmark (*virgulti*) (Los Angeles)

Behr's Metalmark is similar in size and behavior to Hermes copper, but notice the light (metallic-colored) marks. This species is very common.



3 Hedgerow Hairstreak

Hedgerow Hairstreak has orange on upperside of wings only visible when in flight. Strong flier ("zips" around).



Blues are common and slightly smaller than Hermes copper. Gray with black and orange spots on underside, blue (males) or brown (females) on upperside.



1 Gabb's Checkerspot



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7 Callippe Fritillary (California coast)



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Checkerspots and **fritillaries** are orange and black, but larger than Hermes copper (especially fritillaries). Both have black in row patterning on upperside and light/silver marks on underside.

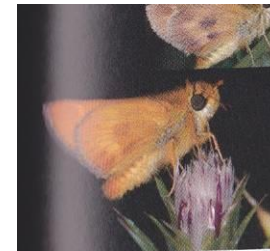


7 Painted Lady



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Butterflies of the genus **Vanessa** (3 possible species) are orange on the upperside but with significant orange on upperside of hindwings. Also note white patches on upperside of forewings. Larger and stronger fliers.



4 Rural Skipper ♂ (inset: ♀)



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Some **skippers** are predominately orange. They have large heads and bodies, and are extremely strong fliers ("zips" around). Can perch with wings together over body (left) or spreadwing (right).