Endangered Species:

Hermes copper butterfly

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<u>Description:</u> A small ($^{\sim}1''$) brown & orange butterfly with short hindwing tails. The under side of the wings is yellow-orange with black dots. Flight season May-July.

<u>Habitat:</u> Scrublands containing its host plant, **spiny redberry**.

<u>Protection:</u> Hermes copper spends most of its life as an egg on woody host plants. It does not recover well after fire. At current sites <u>exclude fire if possible</u>, if not, use MIST & avoid fire retardant if able. At recent locations <u>protect spiny</u> redberry, do not cut back when using hand tools.

Hermes copper Spiny Redberry 7' tall New stems are red-purple purple Angular branching pattern creates a spiny appearance

