

Have You Seen This Butterfly?



Taylor's Checkerspot
Euphydryas editha ssp. taylori

Photo by Nick Page, Raincoast Applied Ecology (Helliwell Provincial Park, May 1994)

From late April to late May, we would like you to look for **Taylor's Checkerspot** in open meadows, pastures, wetlands, and young clearcuts in your area. Its wingspan is about 4 cm and it has distinctive red and white spots on its wings. Don't attempt to capture Taylor's Checkerspot but photographs and accurate site records are very useful.

Taylor's Checkerspot occurred historically in meadows of the Georgia Basin from Victoria to Courtenay. Most of these populations have disappeared in the last 50 years as a warming climate, invasive plants, and urbanization have reduced meadow habitats. It is now found on Denman Island. Taylor's Checkerspot is an endangered species in Canada and has also declined in Washington and Oregon.

Please report any sightings to the BC Conservation Data Centre at 1 800 663-7867 (toll free) or cdcddata@gov.bc.ca or to Jennifer Heron at (604) 222-6759 or Jennifer.Heron@gov.bc.ca. This project is sponsored by BC Ministry of Environment and Parks Canada.