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In Boulder County Open Space Properties 2011 Inventory and 2007-2011 Analyses



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As a Boulder County volunteer naturalist, I presented a public program August 6 on the Lichen Trail with the help of Larry Crowley and Amy Chu. Thirty participants enjoyed the discovery of flying insects, while concentrating on butterflies. In addition, on June 13 a course through BCNA was held in Anne U. White for seven participants.

II. Abstract:

Butterfly inventories continue to contribute substantial data to the Boulder County Open Space natural history records. Field inventories during 50 days clocked 133 research hours as compared with 84 in 2010. Of the recorded 201 Boulder County species, 118 were observed in 2011; with 123 during 2004-2011. We conducted walking surveys on each of the following

seven properties, in 2011: Southeast Buffer (7 surveys); Anne U. White (10); Heil Valley - Geer Watershed (5), Heil - Plumely Canyon (7), Heil - North (4); Walker Ranch (4) Caribou Ranch and Mud Lake (4) Rabbit Mountain (3) and Steamboat Mountain (1).

Annual totals of butterfly Individuals per Research Hour (I/RH) were charted for five years. The calculated average for the five-years was 86 I/RH. The greatest numbers were in 2007 (112) with 2010 and 2011 (62 and 61 respectively) showing the lowest numbers. Common Ringlets were most numerous (94.2 I/RH) followed by Variegated Fritillaries (36.9 I/RH), Cabbage Whites (34.7 I/RH), Checkered Whites (10.9 I/RH) and Painted Ladies (9.1 I/RH).

Annual totals of species/RH were 4.4 in 2007, higher than the average of 3.4, and totals were lower than average in 2009 and 2011.

A new species, the Fulvia Checkerspot discovered in 2011, was added to the Boulder County sightings records. A Ruddy Copper, Silver-bordered Fritillary and Leonard's Skipper were the first we've observed during our ten years of butterfly surveys. Immigrant butterflies from southern U.S. and Mexico, so prevalent last year, were noticeably absent this year. This team has provided these detailed studies of natural resources to help with ongoing efforts to support management decisions.

III. Introduction:

In 2011, our team explored the interior areas of our county Open Spaces, learning more and more about the resident butterflies. Our prime objective was to add to the detailed multi-year inventories, where the locations and habitats were known to support butterfly species. Since the Walker and Reynold's Ranch Open Spaces were undergoing management review, we increased our annual number of visits to these areas. In addition, we continued inventories within the Southeast Buffer, Anne U. White, Heil Valley (three sites), and Caribou Ranch-Mud Lake. Fewer surveys were completed on Rabbit Mountain and Steamboat Mountain. Birds, flowers and additional fleeting animals were recorded.

Name changes: The butterfly long known as *Anthocharis sara julia* has been elevated to full species status as *A. julia*, resulting in our local butterfly now being called the Julia Orangetip. The Sara (or Pacific) Orangetip *A. sara* is found largely in California. The common _SpringAzure' in this area, previously known as *Celastrina ladon sidara*, has become *C. echo sidara*, and should now be referred to as the Echo (or Rocky Mountain) Azure. What has been called *Plebejus acmon lutzi* in many books and lists has now been reassigned to the species known as the Lupine Blue,

and as such is properly designated *Plebejus lupini lutzi*. *P. acmon*, the Acmon (or Buckwheat) Blue, is a West Coast species not present in Colorado.

IV. Objectives:

- 1. Continue butterfly records of the previous nine years.
- 2. Inventory butterflies in Boulder County Open Space properties.
- 3. Support management review and decisions on Walker and Reynold's Ranches.
- 4. Integrate Boulder County data into the national data base for butterflies.
- 5. Encourage awareness and observations of butterflies by the general public, volunteer naturalists and BCPOS staff.
- **6**. Enhance the public's understanding of the need for conservation and appreciation of butterfly habitats.

V. Research Methods:

The methodology used in 2011 is similar to that described in my earlier report, —Butterfly Inventory and Research on Open Space Properties" (Chu, 2005). This has become the protocol for butterfly research by our team in Boulder County.

Butterfly surveys were conducted by walking on trails, near waterways, and other areas where butterflies congregate, rather than within strictly measured transects. Butterflies shift locations based on the availability of host plants, nectar and moisture. Therefore while inventorying large areas, researchers moved along trails, streams and roadways to observe as many different plant communities and habitats as possible. However, the tendency was to repeatedly survey productive habitats over the course of the research, within a field season as well as from one year to the next. As butterflies were sighted, they were identified on the wing by the unaided eye, by using close-focusing binoculars, or in the hand using a _net and release' procedure. Locations of the inventory site, species and numbers (clearly identified at close range), the date, time in the field, temperature and useful notes about butterfly activities and blossoms were listed. Digital photos were often made in order to assist in identification" (Chu, 2006). Much of the time birds and other wildlife were noted. Blossoming plants were recorded since they provide nectar for adults and possible food sources for caterpillars.

We devised the standard unit <u>Individuals</u> per Research Hour' (I/RH) for this study. It describes the total number of individual butterflies sighted divided by the total number of hours of field

research by the team for each specific study area. It is not dependent on the number of researchers on team that day. Since we do not follow a measured transect nor restrict our studies to a certain time period the unit, I/RH is used for comparison from one site to another and from one season to the next.

VI. Notes and Discussion for 2011

Noticeably, species encountered during previous years, but not seen this summer, included the resident Spring White and our favorite immigrants Dainty Sulphur and American Lady. Painted Lady appeared only twice and late in the season (one June 27, one July 11), however the local second brood was observed in other than study areas later during September and October. Numbers of spring butterflies were noticeably reduced, but summer butterflies made a good showing beginning in late May. Autumn butterflies had a long mild dry season to continue flying.

Southeast Buffer: Early on April 21 in the Southeast Buffer we saw an Olympia Marble flying along the west-facing crest of _Swallowtail Ridge, 'named such because swallowtails almost always appear there hill topping. We saw a pair of Anise Swallowtails circling at this spot the same day. Variegated Fritillary appeared unexpectedly late on June 6, because of cool wet spring weather; these usually arrive in spring when the Nuttall's Violets bloom. We observed the uncommon Gray Copper only once July 24, 2011, and only at this ridge. This Copper generally lives much to the north and east, but this immigrant Gray Copper was seen previously on the Buffer prairie on July 19, 2010 and July 21, 2009. Fulvia Checkerspot was newly added to the Boulder County species list by Amy Chu who caught two in one swing of the net. Their resident area is southwest from central Kansas, Nebraska, central Texas, west through southeast Colorado, where the Indian paintbrushes Castilleja integra and C. lamata grow. We saw several Leonard's Skippers, a species new to our survey, flying in numbers over the desolate dry prairie, and nectaring on remnant blossoms of Gayfeather on Aug 31 and September 2.

Anne U. White - Fourmile Canyon Trail. Heavy foot traffic and off-leash dogs continue to disturb trailside vegetation here. On April 15 there were 14 dogs, and three dogs off-leash. Their claws cut the undergrowth destroying blossoming and possible nectar producing plants for butterflies. On May 8, we observed W. Pine Elfin nectaring on Wild Plum and Oregon Grape-holly, with the Echo Azure on Willow. Mourning Cloaks found sustenance in Sapsucker holes on May 27. Julia

Orangetips which fly for a short time in May were observed in 2008 and 2011, but none was observed in 2009 or 2010.

On June 13 the row of Lilacs beside Pinto Drive leading to Anne U. White was in full bloom and filled with Pale Swallowtails and Western Tiger Swallowtails, Mourning Cloak, and fritillary species. Several Edwards' Fritillaries were nectaring in orange Wallflower blossoms. Twenty-six species were seen that very productive day. Blues, Uhler's Arctics, and two Short-tailed Swallowtails were puddling in mud and on wet wood. We saw three new butterflies on this trail for the first time: Callippe and Mormon Fritillaries, and Northern Checkerspots.

On August 12, 2011 Amy Chu wrote in her field journal, —The trail was just opened after a five-foot flood washed through here from the Fourmile burn area. It was rebuilt by 12 Youth Corps volunteers after flooding took many trees down and snapped the Willows. The stream previously was topsoil-edged about two to three feet wide, but now is sanded in five foot widths. The detritus is full of charcoal with at least two drowned orange Aphrodite Fritillaries among the black chunks."

Heil Valley Open Space – Geer Watershed. We saw the Dusted Skipper only once before 2009, three times in 2009, none in 2010 and 13 in 2011. On June 1 one was observed in Geer. This is an eastern butterfly whose range continues to expand. The Little and Big Bluestems, its host plants are fairly common and vigorous in this county.

Nectaring butterflies on June 1, 2011, were Dusted Skippers on Lambert's Loco and Common Ringlets on Dandelion. We unrolled Golden Banner leaves finding Persius Duskywing caterpillars, their silk threads pulling a protective tent around each one. On June 15 we saw Common Ringlets nectaring on Watercress; Persius Duskywings, Arrowhead Blues and Boisduval's Blues on blue Vetch and Wild Geranium. That day the weather continued extremely dry with very few puddles evident, but Jean Morgan and Amy Chu stopped at a shallow muddy puddle next to the Heil cattle ranch road. It was filled with cow hoofmarks, green algae and grazed plants. Visiting the mud they counted many Swallowtails – Anise, Short-tailed, W. Tiger, Pale and Two-tailed. What a colorful gathering. One of the nicest surprises was Amy rousing a bobcat that was drinking from the stream on April 2.

Heil Valley Open Space – Plumely Canyon. On April 17 the early W. Pine Elfin males were whirling in groups of 2's, 4's and 6's in the canyon below the trail celebrating the sunny spring

day. The rare Moss' Elfin appeared for the first time that we noted, in Plumely. On June 16 each of the six swallowtail species was viewed along with eight blues and sixteen additional species making a total of 30 species that day. It was the most productive in terms of species seen during a day in 2011. We located five Hops Azures on Hops trailing vines near the quarry; these are listed as rare according to Colorado Natural Heritage. On July 27 all the butterflies were tattered with damage on their wings after local mountain hail had apparently struck this area.

Steve Jones and I were comparing notes on August 6 and found two different fritillary species only five miles apart, both in the Foothills. My team arrived about 8:30 a.m. at the Heil Valley picnic pavilion for a county sponsored public walk. While people were assembling, we were amazed to see a stream of fritillaries all flying in the same direction downstream. Seventy-one Aphrodite Fritillaries were counted in 20 minutes. Apparently the butterflies were dispersing southward for better nectar and moisture. We found the nearby Lichen Trail to be exceedingly dry with only few Horsemint, Golden Aster and Gumweed in bloom. I complained about lack of moisture in my study areas east and north of Boulder; on the other hand, Steve reported _measurable moisture in the south of Boulder County. Steve wrote in his Long Canyon journal, —On August 6, we saw approximately 200-300 Northwestern Fritillaries and no Aphrodite Fritillaries. They were nectaring on Monarda where we usually see them in early August, and no sign that they had dispersed here. We see Aphrodite Fritillaries in upper Gregory and Long from mid-June through late July. It was actually pretty normally moist in upper Gregory and Long Canyon, with lots of Monarda in bloom." It pleased us to make this comparison.

Heil Valley Open Space – North. On May 31, along the long North Point hill a Dusted Skipper was nectaring on Fremont's Geranium. Cricket frogs sang in the 30 foot wide upper pond and also in the lower holding ponds. Many flowers were in bloom. Large Marbles, Silvery Blues and Gorgone Checkerspots were flying in usual numbers. Later on July 29 when water was only in the lower pond near the roadway, the flowers few and the land dry, we observed several pairs of Variegated Fritillaries mating. A single rare Arogos Skipper flew near the field of Small and Big Bluestem. It sipped nectar with Melissa Blues and fritillaries on the Fremont Geranium which grew in a shallow depression.

On July 19 we walked from behind a private home near the Red Gulch, a secluded canyon apparently free of grazing cattle, roaming dogs or human social trails. The Common Sootywing,

which lives on Lamb's Quarters and Cheeseweed, displayed in special weedy habitat, each small shiny black butterfly patrolling back and forth within its eight foot long shallow territory in the gulch. A Green Skipper and several Dun Skippers were nectaring on the long-blooming Fremont Geranium, a single Large Marble on frail blue Flax. A colorful mid-sized rattlesnake *Crotalus viridis* paused in front of me to see if this large mammal was a threat. I wasn't, so it allowed photos to be taken from a distance of two meters.

Walker Ranch, Meyer's Gulch. The team walked the Meyer's Homestead Trail on April 28, May 6 and May 22 with no butterfly sightings; midday was too cold at 14-17 °C on these days. On June 7 temperatures ranged from 17 to 25 °C, finally warm enough for the butterflies to be active. Three swallowtail species flew with an uncommon Mormon Fritillary. By this date the Large Marbles, Canyon Bramble Hairstreaks, Hoary Elfins, Common Ringlets, and Uhler's Arctics were flying, especially to puddle at a muddy rut in the road.

On July 13 the large patch of dogbane was in full bloom attracting fritillaries and skippers. In among the blossoms were three uncommon Checkerspots – Silvery, Northern and Variable. The fragrant white flowers attracted Dun Skippers, Callippe and Northwestern Fritillaries. Two species were nectaring each on its own host plant; Rocky Mountain Parnassian on Stonecrop and Rocky Mountain Dotted-blues on Sulphur-flower. Parnassians are uncommon at this low elevation.

A walk to the old barn on June 27 brought us to more than 80 Milbert's Tortoiseshell caterpillars, (1st through 4th instar stages) munching on Stinging Nettles. One Tortoiseshell female was searching around the plants for some fresh leaves on which to deposit more eggs. Rocky Mountain Dotted-blues were mating on their host, Sulphur-flower. In addition tiny orange Garita Skipperlings were nectaring on Fremont's Geranium. On August 25 late flying Hedgerow Hairstreaks, Small Wood Nymphs, Western Branded and Woodland Skippers put in their normal autumnal appearances.

Reynold's Ranch. Two portions of Reynold's were surveyed. Giggey Lake extended south from the Magnolia Road gate through some of the conifer forest, into the meadow along the boggy-lake to the south fence. June 11 was our first visit to this lake during our ten years of butterfly surveys. In 2009, we had surveyed at the Bog North portion, along and north of Magnolia Road.

On June 11, we found Large Marbles ovipositing on Tower Mustards and nectaring on Dandelions along Giggey Lake. We counted a magnificent flight of more than 100 Greenish Blues in a short three hours, many nectaring on Red Clover and Geyer Onions, and one pair mating. Hoary Commas were nectaring on onions; Queen Alexandra's Sulphurs on Arnica and ovipositing on Golden Banner. Black, Anise, and Western Tiger Swallowtails were hilltopping on the western high point. As we were hiking many Common Ringlets opened their ochre wings and accompanied us along the way.

On August 22 at the Bog North, we watched Ruddy Coppers landing on the tall matted grasses at the north fence. They would fly over the Shrubby Cinquefoil bushes, and rest in the sun before showing their brilliant colors on the grasses. Larry Crowley first noticed Silverbordered Fritillary males alighting on the Cinquefoil while the females, landing deep into the bushes, determinedly crawled downward to locate their host Violets before egg-laying. In this team's surveying, these two butterflies had not been observed before, likely because we had not searched this bog late in the season. The Callippe Fritillaries were flying from onion to onion nectaring while a Queen Alexandra's Sulphur dazzled yellow on top of the Bull Thistles. On that date the cattle had grazed around Giggey Lake and the plants were chewed to the _nubbins' except for certain grasses and Wild Iris they seemed to reject. Very little nectar to be found there. They had recently been moved to Bog North and were grazing their way around that meadow.

Caribou Ranch and Mud Lake. June 21 at Mud Lake, Thicket Hairstreaks, Silvery Blues,

Common Ringlets, Common Alpines, and Northern Cloudywings were beginning to be active in the north-south depression. Otherwise the forest was too cold for activity. Hairstreaks were nectaring on white Pussytoes joined by Pine Elfins on Mountain Parsley. On July 1 Silvery and Northern Checkerspots were flying. We had rarely seen this species during previous years; only five total at this locale during 2007-2010, but we counted 17 on this single morning. Much nectaring was occurring; Common Ringlets and Boisduval's Blues on Geyer Onions, Northern Checkerspots on Erigeron sp., Parnassians on Arnica, and Common Alpines on Mouse-ear. In addition, Parnassians were ovipositing on Stonecrop. Twenty-five species were noted.

On July 1 we inventoried, beginning inside the locked gate of the Caribou service road, heading northeast toward a boggy depression to one of the best butterflying areas in Caribou. On this date the Common Alpines and Persius Duskywings were numerous. On July 22, walking

along the trail in the Pines, 21 species were noted at Caribou. On August 3 the Bluebell Mine and Monarda Meadows by the Horse Trail were explored. The Meadow was absent of butterflies which was unusual; however, the meadows to the south had many Northwestern Fritillaries nectaring on Blanketflower. A Dusky Grouse with two chicks watched warily as we sat in the aspen grove eating our lunches. It was unusual to see Bull Thistles at their peak and yet no butterfly nectaring at their purple blossoms on conspicuously cobwebby heads.

Rabbit Mountain. This area is not visited regularly, and yet reveals surprises when we hike up the long hill. On September 9 the hills were extremely dry with only Gumweed and Moth Mullein blooming. Yet at the hilltop near the intersection of several trails the grasses exploded with patches of Gayfeather. Bright orange Leonard's Skippers were busy dashing from one blossom to another. This was a new butterfly for our research team because our season usually ends in August. Aphrodite, Edwards' and Coronis Fritillaries joined the bright orange mêlée by displaying and imbibing a few last sips before frost.

Weather factors are complex and affect each butterfly species' populations, their parasites and predator populations in presumably complex and unpredictable ways. These have such powerful effects on life cycle successes – flying, mating, egg laying, caterpillars eating succulent greens and producing chrysalids. Each day before we go to the field, the temperature, clouds and winds affect our choices of endeavoring to inventory, and also choosing a location - prairie or montane. A look back at the 2011 weather, compared to the 112 years of Boulder weather history, shows that March began the season by being the fourth least snowy and the fifth driest on record. It was also the 18th warmest allowing high winds and very low relative humidity combined to fuel nearly 30 wildfires, which is 10 times the March average. Since 1970 the average snowfall has been nearly 20 inches; March 2011 had just 0.6 inch of snow and 0.33 inch of moisture. Drought, wind and extreme low humidity continuously for a number of days, signal to chrysalids and many adults to stay put, continue hibernation. Alternately we go into Roosevelt National Forest in neighboring Deadman's Gulch, a sheltered small canyon west of Lyons. It is one of our favorite March-April sites for locating rare elfins and there we saw one Mourning Cloak and one Hoary Comma on March 16. Our team is always looking forward to spring and hiking in the Open Space properties but during March 16, 20, and April 1, we saw no butterfly.

Steamboat Mountain. This property was visited only once in 2011. It is entered through a private

sandstone quarry. It is exciting to overlook Lyons with Olympia Marbles zipping past one's head at the far prominence.

The high temperature for April was 26°C on the second, with a monthly average of 18°C. On April 2 butterflies were attempting to come out on a warmer day and a few Mourning Cloaks and Hoary Commas were flying at Heil-Geer. April 4 had the lowest daytime temperature of -6°C. Later the Mourning Cloaks and Hoary Commas and were out on April 9 and 15, along with single Pine Elfins at Geer and Anne U. White. April continued relatively dry with 2.4" of precipitation rather like the average 99-year period which is 2.5". Boulder had 15 days with traces of rainfall and 3" of snow on April 14.

May began hot and dry, then became exceptionally wet with more than 5 inches of precipitation falling over a 14-day period with snow accumulation on the 11th. May was 1.5°C cooler than normal making it the 11th coolest May on record. This slowed fieldwork for us with marginally successful outings on cloudy wet days. June began dry and hot with the air clogged by smoke from fires in Arizona, New Mexico and southern Colorado. Evaporation reduced much of the May moisture, yet the record mountain snowpack began to fill reservoirs and streams. By June 13 summer butterfly populations began emerging in better numbers than we saw in May, but the Southeast Buffer remained dry. On June 20, more than an inch of rain fell in Boulder, which was 82% of the month's total.

July had 12 days in the 90's and July 4 had a high temperature of 36°C. This year the July moisture accompanied by a flow of moisture from the south did not materialize, and only 3" of rain were recorded. July 5-16 had traces of rain which made the field days about usual for surveying with the mornings clear and showers in the afternoons. Much of the rain fell on July 19, around the Fourmile Canyon fire area with a flood following through Anne U. White. See the notes for Anne U. White (p.8). August was the fourth warmest on record in Boulder with temperatures reaching higher later in the month, i.e. 36°C on Aug 23, and Aug. 25 hit 33° both breaking records. (Callahan, W. 2011) Mean daily temperatures were almost 1.5°C above average in Boulder during June – August, 2011. We noted _lack of puddles', _dry streams', _very dry ground,' within many of our survey areas, recorded in the notes. All in all, the butterfly season was slow to begin, but summer butterflies emerged as usual. Autumn was long and mild offering a late season to butterfly watchers.

In the following, **Table I Survey Dates and Locations**, the main *leaders* are listed as follows: JC=Jan Chu, LC=Larry Crowley, AC=Amy Chu, JB=John Barr, CN=Christian Nunes.

In **Tables II – X**, butterfly scientific names are listed in **Appendix I** according to and in the order designated in *Catalogue of the Butterflies of the U.S. and Canada* (Pellham,2008) while common names are listed in the North American Butterfly Association Butterfly Counts.

Each list maintains the species we observed over the years. In the informal field notes, blossoming plants are listed alphabetically with common and scientific names given in **Appendix II**, while bird names follow the order in the Colorado County Birding Checklist.

Tables begin on the following page.

VII. Data Tables and Field Notes for 2011

Table I. Survey Dates and Locations

2011	Day	Southeast Buffer	Anne U. White	Heil- Geer	Heil- Plumely	Heil -North Point, Red Hill	Walker Ranch Meyers	Reynold's Ranch	Mud Lake, Caribou	Rabbit Mountain	Steamboat Mountain
Apr	1	JC									
	2			JC							
	9			JC							
	11									10	
	15		JC							JC	
	15		JC		JC						
	17 21	JC			JC						
	27	JC .						JC			
	28		JB		JB		JC	30			
May	3				,,,	JC					
	6						JC				
	8		JC								
	21				LC						
	22						LC				
	23	LC									
	27		LC								
	31					LC				JC	
Jun	2			JC							10
	2	10									JC
	7	JC					JC				
	11						JC	JC			
	11		JC					30			
	15		30	JC							
	16				JC						
	19					JC					
	21								JC		
	27						JC				

Table I. Survey Dates and Locations (Continued)

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2011	Day	South east Buffer	Anne U. White	Heil- Geer	Heil- Plumely	Heil- North Point, Red Hill	Walker Ranch Meyers	Reynold's Ranch	Mud Lake, Caribou	Rabbit Mountain	Steamboat Mountain
July	1								JC		
	8		JC								
	11							JC			
	13						JC				
	21	JC									
	22		JC								
	27				JC						
	29					JC					
Aug	1							JC			
	3								JC		
	6			JC							
	12		AC								
	18		JC								
	22							JC			
	25						JC				
	31	JC									
Sep	2	JC									
	9									JC	

Table II. Southeast Buffer

Southeast Buffer	2011	4/1	4/21	5/23	6/6	7/21	8/31	9/2
Papilio polyxenes	Black Swallowtail							
P. zelicaon	Anise Swallowtail		2	1				
P. rutulus	W. Tiger Swallowtail							
P. multicaudata	Two-tailed Swallowtail							
black swallowtail sp.								3
Pontia protodice	Checkered White							1
P. occidentalis	Western White						1	1
Pieris rapae	Cabbage White							
Euchloe olympia	Olympia Marble		10	9	1			
white sp.				3	2		2	
Colias philodice	Clouded Sulphur					2	5	
C. eurytheme	Orange Sulphur						1	
Zerene cesonia	Southern Dogface							
Abaeis nicippe	Sleepy Orange							
Kricogonia lyside	Lyside Sulphur							
Nathalis iole	Dainty Sulphur							
sulphur sp.							5	2
Lycaena dione	Gray Copper					2		
Strymon melinus	Gray Hairstreak		1		1			
Glaucopsyche lygdamus	Silvery Blue		1	1	2			
Euphilotes ancilla	Rocky Mtn. Dotted-Blue							
Echinargus isola	Reakirt's Blue					3		
Plebejus melissa	Melissa Blue							
blue sp.	Wichsa Diuc				2			
Danaus plexippus	Monarch				<u> </u>		2	
Agraulis vanillae	Gulf Fritillary							
Euptoieta claudia	Variegated Fritillary				4	19	3	
Speyeria aphrodite	Aphrodite Fritillary				1	3		
S. edwardsii	Edwards' Fritillary				1	3		
fritillary sp.	(silvered)				5	4		2
Chlosyne fulvia	Fulvia Checkerspot				3			2
C. gorgone	Gorgone Checkerspot			6	6			3
Phyciodes tharos	Pearl Crescent			0	0			3
P. pulchella	Field Crescent							
Nymphalis antiopa	Mourning Cloak							
Vanessa cardui	Painted Lady							
Limenitis weidemeyerii	Weidemeyer's Admiral							
Coenonympha tullia ochracea	Common (Ochre) Ringlet							
Cercyonis pegala	Common Wood Nymph		 	 		6		
Erynnis afranius	Afranius Duskywing		1			U		
Pyrgus communis	Common Checkered-skipper		1					1
Pholisora catullus	Common Sootywing		 	 				1
Hesperia uncas	Uncas Skipper		 	 				
H. ottoe	* *				-			
	Ottoe Skipper						1.4	1.5
H. leonardus	Leonard's Skipper						14	15
Atrytone arogos	Arogos Skipper							

Table II. Southeast Buffer (Continued)

Date, Cond- itions	Location within Southeast Buffer	Butterfly Activity	Blossom- ing Plants	Animals	GPS, elevation, round trip car mileage	Research- ers
4/1/2011 11:00 – 12:00 p.m. 17 °C wind 10-20 mph, 80% overcast. Extremely dry.	Walked from gate through small N-S ravine.	None. Wooly bear caterpillar, black wasps, many locusts.	Very few and in bud and very short. Easter daisy Musineon, Nuttall's violet, sand lily, salt & pepper	Western meadowlark. locusts, black wasps, crickets	5923° gate N 39.53455 W105.10569	Larry Crowley Jan Chu, Amy Chu
4/21/2011 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. 18-20 °C 40% overcast to clear to cumulus	Small N-S ravine then east toward, Swallowtail Ridge, back along west- facing drop-off	Anise swallowtail circling at Swallowtail Ridge. Marbles flying ridge top.	Short plants: Astragalus purple, dandelion wavy-leaf, Easter daisy (old), Musineon, Nuttall's violet, salt & pepper, sand lily	Franklin gulls (heard), western meadowlark		Jan Chu
5/23/2011 10:00 – 11:30 a.m. 16-18 °C 30% - 7% clouds; 5 mph wind	County ATV spraying between poles and Swallowtail Ridge		Cactus barrel, dandelion, evening primrose, flax, green gentian, Lambert loco, Mertensia, mouse-ear, Musineon, mustard sm. yellow, Nuttall's violet, salsify, sand lily, Senecio wallflower	Western meadowlark, vesper sparrow		Larry Crowley

Table II. Southeast Buffer (*Continued***)**

Date, Cond- itions	Location within Southeast Buffer	Butterfly Activity	Blossom- ing Plants	Animals	GPS, elevation, round trip car mileage	Research- ers
6/6/2011 10:00-11:30 a.m. 24-31° C 30% clouds with AZ fire haze, 0-10 wind	From gate to Swallowtail Ridge and return.	Variegated fritillary nectaring on Geyer onion; gray hairstreak nectaring on cowboy's delight; Gorgone checkerspot nectaring on Physaria sp.	Astragalus, purple cactus, ball Castilleja sessiliflora, Coryphantha missouriensis cowboy's delight dandelion, Erigeron evening primrose flax, Gaillardia Gaura, Geyer onion green gentian Heterotheca Lambert loco Mertensia milk vetch mouse-ear Musineon Nuttall's violet Penstemon, one-sided Physaria belli, salt and pepper skull cap, toadflax wallflower, yarrow	Nighthawk, horned lark, Western meadowlark. Vesper sparrow flew from nest with 4 eggs in a grass tussock. Coyote	35 mi r.t.	Jan Chu, Larry Crowley
7/21/2011 8:15-9:45 a.m. 21 °C cloudless no wind	Gate on Hwy 128 to Swallowtail Ridge and return	Very dry. Amy caught new Boulder County record: Chlosyne fulvia	alfalfa, Arnica bull thistle chicory Dalmation toadflax Euphorbia, flax Gumweed knapweed Mexican hat moth mullein mullein prairie clover sunflower	Mourning dove. Meadow vole		Jan Chu, Larry Crowley, Amy Chu

Table II. Southeast Buffer (Continued)

Date, Cond- itions	Location within Southeast Buffer	Butterfly Activity	Blossom- ing Plants	Animals	GPS, elevation, round trip car mileage	Research- ers
8/31/2011 9:00 – 11:00 a.m. 26-31 °C 90% blue sky wind 5-15 mph	Gate on Hwy 128 to Swallowtail Ridge and return	Skippers on Gayfeather; 2 _greenish' unmarked skippers mating	snakeweed Gayfeather Gumweed aster white goldenrod	red tail, kestrel, barn swallow, barn swallow, lark sparrow, vesper sparrow	pt #134 5904' N 39.91261 W105.18250 Swallowtail Ridge pt #135 5878' N 39.91781 W105.17983	Jan Chu, Larry Crowley
9/2/2011 9:00 – 11:30 a.m. 17-23°C 50% clear wind 5-15 mph	Coalton gravel road-path, both north and south	Skippers on gayfeather	chamomile chicory gayfeather ground cherry goldenrod Gumweed Helianthus pumilus, Senecio snakeweed sunflower	golden eagle dove, W. kingbird, barn swallow, lark sparrow, vesper sparrow, western meadowlark, goldfinch	pt #136 5696' N 39.92565 W 105.18411	Jan Chu, Larry Crowley, Jean Morgan

Table III. Anne U. White Trail

Anne U. White Trail, Fourmile Canyon Creek	2011	3/10	4/15	4/28	8/8	5/27	6/13	2/8	7/10	8/12	8/18
Parnassius smintheus	Rocky Mountain Parnassian										
Papilio polyxenes	Black Swallowtail										
P. zelicaon	Anise Swallowtail						4				
P. indra	Short-tailed Swallowtail						2				
P. rutulus	W. Tiger Swallowtail			1	1		9	1			
P. eurymedon	Pale Swallowtail					1	6		4		
P. multicaudata	Two-tailed Swallowtail							1	1	3	2
Pontia protodice	Checkered White					1					
P. sisymbrii	Spring White										
Pieris rapae	Cabbage White			1	1	1	6	6	3	8	1
Euchloe ausonides	Large Marble					6	4				
E. olympia	Olympia Marble										
marble sp.				2	2						
white sp.				7	4	3	6	1	2		
Anthocharis julia	Julia (S. Rocky Mountain) Orangetip			5	2	1					
Colias philodice	Clouded Sulphur										
C. eurytheme	Orange Sulphur									2	
Nathalis iole	Dainty Sulphur										
Callophrys affinis homoperplexa	Canyon Bramble Hairstreak			3	1	2	1				
C. sheridanii	White-lined Green Hairstreak										
C. mossii schryveri	Moss' Elfin										
C. polios	Hoary Elfin										
C. eryphon	Western Pine Elfin		2	14	9	20					
Satyrium titus	Coral Hairstreak										
Strymon melinus	Gray Hairstreak										
Cupido amyntula	Western Tailed-Blue			9		2					
Celastrina echo sidara	Echo (Spring) Azure			2	2	23					
Glaucopsyche piasus	Arrowhead Blue			8							
G. lygdamus	Silvery Blue			4		2	4				
Euphilotes ancilla	Rocky Mountain Dotted- Blue			6			6		5	1	

Table III. Anne U. White Trail (Continued)

Anne U. White, Fourmile Canyon Creek Trail	=	0	w,	&		7:	3		0	2	∞.
A ≥ 5° C° T°	2011	3/10	4/15	4/28	2/8	5/27	6/13	2/8	7/10	8/12	8/18
Echinargus isola	Reakirt's Blue										
Plebejus melissa	Melissa Blue			1		6	1		2		
P. icarioides	Boisduval's Blue										
P. lupini lutzi	Lupine Blue									5	
P. glandon rustica	Arctic Blue										
blue sp.				1		5	4				
Apodemia nais	Nais Metalmark										
Danaus plexippus	Monarch										
Euptoieta claudia	Variegated Fritillary										1
Speyeria aphrodite	Aphrodite Fritillary								20+	39	42
S. edwardsii	Edwards' Fritillary						3				1
S. coronis	Coronis Fritillary										
S. callippe	Callippe Fritillary								4		
S. hesperis	Northwestern Fritillary									1	16
S. mormonia	Mormon Fritillary								1		
fritillary sp.							4	2	24+		9
Chlosyne gorgone	Gorgone Checkerspot										
C. palla	Northern Checkerspot								1		
Phyciodes pallida	Pale Crescent						11	5	3		
P. tharos	Pearl Crescent										4
P. cocyta	Northern Crescent								5		
P. pulchella	Field Crescent						1				
Polygonia satyrus	Satyr Comma										
P. gracilis	Hoary Comma	3	7	13	3		1		3		
Junonia coenia	Common Buckeye										
Aglais milberti	Milbert's Tortoiseshell	1									
Nymphalis californica	California Tortoiseshell										
N. antiopa	Mourning Cloak	2	8	10	9	4	1		2		
Vanessa atalanta	Red Admiral										
V. cardui	Painted Lady										
V. virginiensis	American Lady										
Limenitis weidemeyerii	Weidemeyer's Admiral						1	3	1	6	3
Coenonympha tullia ochracea	Common (Ochre) Ringlet						12				
Cercyonis pegala	Common Wood-Nymph									63	
C. oetus	Small Wood-Nymph									15	3
Oeneis uhleri	Uhler's Arctic			3	3	12	10	t			

Table III. Anne U. White Trail (Continued)

Anne U. White, Fourmile Canyon Creek Trail		2011	3/10	4/15	4/28	8/9	5/27	6/13	8/L	7/10	8/12	8/18
Epargyreus clarus	Silver-spotted Skipper							1	3	26		
Erynnis pacuvius	Pacuvius Duskywing							1				
E. persius	Persius Duskywing											1
Pyrgus communis	Common Checkered- Skipper											
Piruna pirus	Russet Skipperling											
Hesperia colorado	W. Branded Skipper										1	4
H. viridis	Green Skipper							1				
Polites themistocles	Tawny-edged Skipper							1				
P. mystic	Long Dash											
Ochlodes sylvanoides	Woodland Skipper										1	26
Poanes taxiles	Taxiles Skipper								2	11		
Euphyes vestris	Dun Skipper								2	27		
Atrytonopsis hianna	Dusted Skipper						1					
dark skipper								4				

Table III. Anne U. White Trail (Continued)

Date, Conditions	Location within Anne U. White	Butterfly Activity	Blossoming Plants	Animals	GPS, elevation, round trip car mileage	Research- ers
3/10/2011 12:00 – 1:00 p.m. 16 °C wind 0-5 mph Sunny	Parking lot, Trail inside gate only 300°. Snow packed beyond this spot.	Butterflies flying only a little; basking on rocks and warm trail			N 40.03232 W 105.19378 6,216' 22 mi. r.t.	Jan Chu
4/15/2011 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. 15 °C 5-10 mph wind 40% overcast	Parking lot to near end of trail, at broken barbed wire fence. Many snowy banks in shade.	Butterflies basking and flying low	Very few Mahonia, Nuttall's violets, wild plum	3 dogs off leash, 14 dogs leashed	22 mi r.t.	Jan Chu
4/28/2011 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.				Townsend's solitaire, junco		John Barr

Table III. Anne U. White Trail (Continued)

Date, Conditions	Location within Anne U. White	Butterfly Activity	Blossoming Plants	Animals	GPS, elevation, round trip car mileage	Research- ers
5/8/2011 12:10 – 2:10 p.m. 26-28 °C clear sky	Trail to first stream crossing	Pine elfin nectaring on wild plum; echo azure nectaring on willow	Mahonia, wild plum wallflower, willow		20 mi r.t.	Jan Chu, Amy Chu
5/27/2011 9:45 – 12:15 p.m. 13-16 °C 70% clouds wind 5-10 mph	Trail	Pine elfin nectaring on Mahonia, mourning cloak nectaring in sapsucker holes	apple, B. raspberry Canada violet, chickweed, currant dandelion, geranium Fremont's, golden banner larkspur, Mahonia Mertensia, milk vetch mint purple, penstemon phlox, pussy toes white salsify, sand lily skullcap, Solomon seal false, spring beauty strawberry, wallflower	Turkey vulture Hummingbird broad-tailed, Steller's jay, crow, raven, chickadee mountain, house wren, house finch, warbleryellow spotted towhee W. tanager. Pine squirrel	30 mi. r.t.	Larry Crowley, Venice Kelly

Table III. Anne U. White Trail (Continued)

Date, Condition s	Location within Anne U. White	Butterfly Activity	Blossomin g Plants	Animals	GPS, elevation, round trip car milease	Research- ers
6/13/2011 10:00 – 1:30 p.m. 23 – 27 °C no clouds wind 0-5 mph	Trail to first stream crossing	Pale and tiger swallowtails, mourning cloak, frit sp. nectaring on lilac; pale swallowtail and Edwards' fritillaries nectaring on wallflower. Blues, Arctic puddling. Swallowtails flying high overhead. 2 indra swallowtails puddling together on wet wood.	Boulder raspberry, Canada violet, Cardaria sp. white mustard, Dandelion Erigeron, evening primrose, Freemont geranium, golden banner, Geyer's onion, Hydrophyllum, Jamesia americana larkspur, lilac Mertensia, miner's candle, mouse-ear, Penstemon virens, P. secundiflorus, cinquefoil, puccoon, pussy toes, red clover, rose, salsify, Sedum, Senecio sp butterweed, shooting star, skull cap, spiderwort, sulfur-flower, false Solomon seal, wallflower, yarrow	Turkey vulture, broad tailed hummingbird, w. wood pewee, cordilleran flycatcher, Steller's jay, magpie, crow, raven, hermit thrush, yellow warbler, w. tanager, pine siskin, house finch. Sceloporus E. fence lizard	25 mi r.t. GPS pt 128	Jan Chu, Larry Crowley, Venice Kelly, Amy Chu, Jean Morgan, Jane Bunin, Janet Hanley, Rita Klees, Nancy Loving, Lysa Wegman- French
7/8/2011 9:30-10:30 a.m. 28 °C	Trail to first crossing			11 dogs on leash, one off leash		Jan Chu
cloudy to overcast				100511		
no wind			ad on the next need			

Table III. Anne U. White Trail (Continued)

Date, Condition s	Location within Anne U. White	Butterfly Activity	Blossomin g Plants	Animals	GPS, elevation, round trip car mileage	Research- ers
7/10/2011	Trail to end					Christian Nunes
8/12/2011 11:00 – 2:30 p.m. 25 – 28 °C. 98% clear no wind.	Trail just past Smokey Bear marker. Trail rebuilt by 12 Youth Corps after July 19 5ft. flooding. Many trees down, most willows missing or down. Stream was previously topsoil edged about 2-3 ft wide. Now heavily sanded in 5 ft. width. Many pieces of charcoal from Fourmile Canyon fire.			E. fence lizards, rock squirrel.	25 mi r.t.	Amy Chu, Molly Muller
8/18/2011 24 – 32 °C 9:30 – 11:30 a.m. light overcast	Hiked to first stream crossing.	Fritillaries nectaring on tall blue asters; some frits and Weidemeyer's	Monarda mostly destroyed by flood. Many blue asters, goldenrod. Willows are sending vertical	Downy woodpecker, red-breasted nuthatch; pine squirrel.	25 r.t.	Jan Chu, Amy Chu, Venice Kelly
to clear, no wind		nectaring on goldenrod	stalks from flattened branches.	E. fence lizard.		

Table IV. Heil Valley - Geer Watershed

Heil Valley – Geer Watershed	2011	4-2	4-9	6-1	6-15	7-25
Papilio polyxenes	Black Swallowtail				1	
P. zelicaon	Anise Swallowtail			2	3	
P. indra	Short-tailed Swallowtail			1	9	
P. rutulus	Western Tiger Swallowtail				2	1
P. eurymedon	Pale Swallowtail			4	24	
P. multicaudata	Two-tailed Swallowtail				2	2
Neophasia menapia	Pine White					
Pontia sisymbrii	Spring White					
P. protodice	Checkered White					
P. occidentalis	Western White					
Pieris rapae	Cabbage White	1		15	20	50+
P. marginalis	Mustard White					
Euchloe ausonides	Large Marble			2		
E. olympia	Olympia Marble					
Anthocharis julia	Julia (S. Rocky Mtn) Orangetip					
white sp.				6		
Colias philodice	Clouded Sulphur					
C. eurytheme	Orange Sulphur					
C. alexandra	Queen Alexandra's Sulphur					
Eurema mexicana	Mexican Sulphur					
Nathalis iole	Dainty Sulphur					
Lycaena dione	Gray Copper					
L. heteronea	Blue Copper					
Callophrys affinis homoperplexa	Canyon Bramble Hairstreak			4	5	
C. gryneus	Siva Juniper Hairstreak				1	
C. augustinus	Brown Elfin			1		
C. eryphon	Western Pine Elfin		1	5		
Satyrium titus	Coral Hairstreak					
S. liparops	Striped Hairstreak					
S. saepium	Hedgerow Hairstreak					
Strymon melinus	Gray Hairstreak					
Leptotes marina	Marine Blue					
Cupido amyntula	Western Tailed-Blue			1	1	
Celastrina echo sidara	Echo (Spring) Azure			2		
Glaucopsyche piasus	Arrowhead Blue			1	10	
G. lygdamus	Silvery Blue			17	4	

Table IV. Heil Valley - Geer Watershed (Continued)

Heil Valley – Geer Watershed	2011	4-2	4-9	6-1	6-15	7-25
Euphilotes ancilla	Rocky Mountain Dotted-Blue			13	1	
Echinargus isola	Reakirt's Blue			1		
Plebejus melissa	Melissa Blue				1	
P. saepiolus	Greenish Blue					
P. icarioides	Boisduval's Blue			1	37	
P. lupini lutzi	Lupine Blue					
P. glandon rustica	Arctic Blue					
blue sp.					14	2
Apodemia nais	Nais Metalmark					
Danaus plexippus	Monarch					
Euptoieta claudia	Variegated Fritillary					5
Speyeria aphrodite	Aphrodite Fritillary					11
S. edwardsii	Edwards' Fritillary				2	
S. coronis	Coronis Fritillary					
S. callippe	Callippe Fritillary					
S. hesperis	Northwestern Fritillary					
S. mormonia	Mormon Fritillary					
fritillary sp.					6	2
Chlosyne gorgone	Gorgone Checkerspot			2		
C. nycteis	Silvery Checkerspot					
C. palla	Northern Checkerspot					
Phyciodes pallida	Pale Crescent					
P. tharos	Pearl Crescent					
P. cocyta	Northern Crescent					
P. pulchella	Field Crescent					
crescent sp.					1	1
Polygonia satyrus	Satyr Comma					
P. gracilis	Hoary Comma	9	3	2		
Aglais milberti	Milbert's Tortoiseshell					
Nymphalis antiopa	Mourning Cloak	14		3	2	1
N. californica	California Tortoiseshell					
Vanessa atalanta	Red Admiral					
V. cardui	Painted Lady					
V. virginiensis	American Lady					
Limenitis weidemeyerii	Weidemeyer's Admiral				2	
Asterocampa celtis	Hackberry Emperor					

Table IV. Heil Valley - Geer Watershed (Continued)

Heil Valley – Geer Watershed	2011	4-2	4-9	6-1	6-15	7-25
Coenonympha tullia ochracea	Ochre (Common) Ringlet			16	40	
Cercyonis pegala	Common Wood-Nymph					
C. oetus	Small Wood-Nymph					
wood nymph sp.						3
Erebia epipsodea	Common Alpine					
Oeneis chryxus	Chryxus Arctic					
O. uhleri	Uhler's Arctic					
Epargyreus clarus	Silver-spotted Skipper				8	
Thorybes pylades	N. Cloudywing					
Erynnis icelus	Dreamy Duskywing					
E. pacuvius	Pacuvius Duskywing				1	
E. afranius	Afranius Duskywing					
E. persius	Persius Duskywing			11	15	
Pyrgus communis	Common Checkered-skipper					
Pholisora catullus	Common Sootywing					
Piruna pirus	Russet Skipperling					
Oarisma garita	Garita Skipperling					
Hesperia juba	Juba Skipper				2	
H. colorado	Western Branded Skipper					
H. nevada	Nevada skipper					
Polites themistocles	Tawny-edged Skipper					
Ochlodes sylvanoides	Woodland Skipper					
Poanes taxiles	Taxiles Skipper					1
Euphyes vestris	Dun Skipper					3
Atrytonopsis hianna	Dusted Skipper			2		

Table IV. Heil Valley - Geer Watershed (Continued)

Heil - Geer Blossoming Research-ers Butterfly Activity Location Animals 4/2/2011 43 mi r.t. Gate Flying fast Very few sand lily, Jan Chu, Bob cat drinking at 11:45 toward Nuttall's violet, over streamlet – ran up hill Larry 1:15 p.m. Manager's Spring beauty toward south, across Crowley, streamlet, 22°C, cabin. Cloaks from concave cliff Amy Chu, wind 5-10 Lunch at resting on face. Bea Butler Turkey, flicker mph fallen willow clear sky. trees over branches in Steller's jay, crow, streamlet twos raven, pygmy nuthatch 4/9/ 2011 Barn near 4 Dry soil. Thousands of Red-tail hawk, 35 mi r.t. Jan Chu, 11:40-2:00 tiny yel buttercup sp. in road, individuals flicker, Steller's jay, Larry p.m. following east drainage near single magpie, crow, raven, Crowley, 11°-15°C streamlet perfectly shaped mountain chickadee, Jean 5-10 mph toward pygmy nuthatch, juniper; Morgan wind, high Big Few dandelions, robin, dark-eyed junco. overcast, Meadow, Mahonia, Nuttall's Rock squirrel. bright, return violet, pasque flower, 10% clear drainage spring beauty. to the east 6/1/2011 Dusted Jan Chu, Gate B. raspberry, Mourning dove, 10:00 broad-tailed toward skipper Carex sp. Larry 1:00 p.m. Crowley, Manager's nectaring chickweed hummingbird, 17-22 °C cabin, Lambert's choke cherry, flicker, Venice 46% loco; ochre dandelion w. wood pewee Kelly stream clouds no ringlet on Erigeron, crow, raven, wind dandelion. filaree mtn. chickadee, persius geranium Fremont, violet- green swallow, duskywing golden banner, house wren, caterpillar hawthorn robin, within Lambert's loco warbler vellow, rolled spotted towhee, larkspur, golden Mertensia W. tanager banner leaf mtn. parsley Nuttall's violet Penstemon, cinquefoil sand lily, spring beauty watercress

Table IV. Heil Valley - Geer Watershed (Continued)

						Heil - Geer
Date, Conditions	Location within Geer	Butterfly Activity	Blossoming Plants	Animals	GPS, elevation, round trip car mileage	Research- ers
6/15/2011 10:00– 1:30 p.m. 16 - 28° C clear. 0-10 mph wind.	Barn, stream to upper Geer following road thru meadow, return near stream to the east	Scattered, but near stream or puddles; ringlets nectaring on watercress; persius, arrowhead and Boisduval's nectaring on pale blue vetch and geranium.	Borage, lavender Arnica, B. raspberry, bindweed, Campanula, clover, sweet, Erigeron, Geranium Fremont, Golden banner, Lambert loco, larkspur, lupine white, mouse-ear, mustard Jim Hill, mustard yellow, ninebark, penstemon one-sided, cinquefoil prickly poppy, Pussytoes, rose, salsify, sand lily, Senecio, skull cap, spiderwort	kestrel, b.t. hummingbird, w.wood pewee, cordilleran flycatcher, crow, house wren, robin yellow warbler, dark-eyed junco, pine siskin. Vole.	35 mi. r.t.	Jan Chu, Larry Crowley, Jean Morgan, Amy Chu, John Barr, Venice Kelly, Janet Hanley
6/16/2011 10-10:45 a.m. 23° C 0-10 mph	Mud puddle with cow hoofmarks	Puddling Supreme!! On the Heil Ranch, not	Prickly poppy, Dandelion, algae in pond.	Cordilleran flycatcher, crow Brewer's blackbird, house wren		Jan Chu, Larry Crowley, Janet
wind Clear sky	n. of road in Heil Ranch	Open Space				Hanley

Table V. Heil Valley – Plumely Canyon

Heil Valley-	2011	4/17	4/20	<i>5/</i> 21	C / 19	(11)	7/27	9/6
Plumely Canyon Papilio polyxenes	2011 Black Swallowtail	4/17	4/28	5/21	6/8	6/16 2	7/27	8/6
P. zelicaon	Anise Swallowtail		2			2		
P. zeucaon P. indra	Short-tailed Black Swallowtail				3	1		
	Short-tailed Black Swallowlall			2	3	1		
black swallowtail sp.	Wastern Time Constituted			2		-	1	
P. rutulus	Western Tiger Swallowtail				_	2	1	2
P. eurymedon	Pale Swallowtail				2	10	2	1
P. multicaudata	Two-tailed Swallowtail					2	3	1
Neophasia menapia	Pine White	-						
Pontia protodice	Checkered White							
P. sisymbrii	Spring White							
Pieris rapae	Cabbage White			2		1	3	2
P. marginalis	Mustard White							
white sp.			5	2		5	1	
Euchloe ausonides	Large Marble		3	2		5		
E. olympia	Olympia Marble							
Anthocharis julia	Julia (S. Rocky Mtn) Orangetip							
white sp.					6	6		
Colias philodice	Clouded Sulphur					2	1	
C. eurytheme	Orange Sulphur							3
C. alexandra	Queen Alexandra's Sulphur							-
Phoebis sennae eubule	Cloudless Sulphur (Eastern)							
Eurema mexicana	Mexican Sulphur							
Nathalis iole	Dainty Sulphur							
sulphur sp.						1	1	1
Lycaena dione	Gray Copper					_		
Callophrys affinis	Siuj coppei			1				
homoperplexa	Canyon Bramble Hairstreak			1				
C. sheridanii	White-lined Green Hairstreak							
C. gryneus	Siva Juniper Hairstreak							
C. mossii schryveri	Moss' Elfin	2						
C. polios	Hoary Elfin							
C. eryphon	Western Pine Elfin	16	6	12	4	2		
elfin sp.	Western Fine Emin	2	0	12	-			
Satyrium titus	Coral Hairstreak							
	Gray Hairstreak						1	
Strymon melinus	·						1	-
Leptotes marina	Marine Blue Western Toiled Phys		-	1	<u> </u>			
Cupido amyntula	Western Tailed-Blue 2 6		1					
Celastrina echo sidara	Echo (Spring) Azure 2 1				<u> </u>			
C. humulus	Hops Azure				5		<u> </u>	
Glaucopsyche piasus	Arrowhead Blue	ļ				1		<u> </u>
G. lygdamus	Silvery Blue Continued on the nex]	6		4		<u> </u>

Table V. Heil Valley – Plumely Canyon (Continued)

Heil Valley-								
Plumely Canyon	2011	4/17	4/28	5/21	6/8	6/16	7/27	8/6
Euphilotes ancilla	Rocky Mountain Dotted-Blue				1	2		
Echinargus isola	Reakirt's Blue						1	
Plebejus melissa	Melissa Blue					2	1	3
P. icarioides	Boisduval's Blue					4		
P. lupini lutzi	Lupine Blue							
P. glandon rustica	Arctic Blue				4			
blue sp.		3	1	10	20	9		
Danaus plexippus	Monarch							1
Euptoieta claudia	Variegated Fritillary						5	5
Speyeria aphrodite	Aphrodite Fritillary					2	62	146
S. edwardsii	Edwards' Fritillary					1		1
S. coronis	Coronis Fritillary							
S. callippe	Callippe Fritillary							
S. atlantis	Atlantis Fritillary							
S. hesperis	Northwestern Fritillary							
fritillary sp.					5	7		
Polydryas arachne	Arachne Checkerspot							
Chlosyne gorgone	Gorgone Checkerspot					5		
Phyciodes pallida	Pale Crescent					3		
P. tharos	Pearl Crescent							
P. cocyta	Northern Crescent					1		
P. pulchella	Field Crescent							
Polygonia gracilis	Hoary Comma	6	3	1	3			1
Aglais milberti	Milbert's Tortoiseshell				_			
Nymphalis antiopa	Mourning Cloak	10	7	2		2		
N. californica	California Tortoiseshell	10						
Vanessa atalanta	Red Admiral							
V. cardui	Painted Lady							
V. virginiensis	American Lady							
Limenitis weidemeyerii	Weidemeyer's Admiral						3	3
Asterocampa celtis	Hackberry Emperor						2	1
Coenonympha tullia								-
ochracea	Ochre (Common) Ringlet				16	17		
Cercyonis pegala	Common Wood-Nymph						13	11
C. oetus	Small Wood-Nymph						1	11
Erebia epipsodea	Common Alpine						•	
Epargyreus clarus	Silver-spotted Skipper					2		
Thorybes pylades	N. Cloudywing							
Erynnis pacuvius	Pacuvius Duskywing			 		1	 	
E. afranius	Afranius Duskywing			 		1	 	
E. agranus E. persius	Persius Duskywing			 		1	 	
Pyrgus communis	Common Checkered-skipper			 		1	 	
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Table V. Heil Valley - Plumely Canyon (Continued)

Heil Valley– Plumely Canyon	2011	4/17	4/28	5/21	6/8	6/16		7/27	8/6
Pholisora catullus	Commo	Common Sootywing				1			
Piruna pirus	Russet S	Skipperlin	g						
Oarisma garita	Garita S	kipperling	<u> </u>						
Hesperia juba	Juba ski	pper					1		
H. colorado	Western	Western Branded Skipper							
Polites draco	Draco S	Draco Skipper							
P. themistocles	Tawny-	edged Ski	pper						
P. mystic	Long Da	ash							
Ochlodes sylvanoides	Woodla	nd Skippe	r					2	4
Poanes taxiles	Taxiles	Skipper							
Euphyes vestris	Dun Ski	Dun Skipper						7	1
Atrytonopsis hianna	Dusted s	Dusted skipper				1	1		
skipper sp.						9	1	1	2

Table V. Heil Valley - Plumely Canyon (Continued)

Date, Conditions	Location within Heil- Plumely	Butterfly Activity	Blossoming Plants	Animals	GPS, elevation, round trip mileage by car	Researchers
4/17/2011 10:00 – 11:40 a.m. (end 1:00) 14-18 °C, wind to 30 mph, 40% clouds to overcast	Drove to first locked gate, hiked the canyon to hilltop near stone ruins. No water in streamlets; some in upper Canyon	Pine elfins swirling and whirling around each other in 2's, 4's and even 6's. The mysterious blues eluded us. Rare Moss' elfin new for Plumely.	Very few blossoms on short stalks. Nuttall's violet, spring beauty. Willow in bloom. Mahonia in bud.	Turkey vulture, Great horned owl, raven, mtn. chickadee	35 mi r.t.	Jan Chu, Larry Crowley, Bea Butler
4/28/2011 11:00 – 1:30 p.m. 14 °C clear, 0-5 mph breezy wind	Gate to Crowley' lunch spot	Some flying short distances in sunny spots	Few blossoms, short plants. dandelion, Mahonia, Mertensia spring beauty	Turkey vulture, Steller's jay, warbler, yellow- rump. Fence lizard	36 mi. r.t.	Jan Chu John Barr

Table V. Heil Valley - Plumely Canyon (Continued)

Date, Conditions	Location within Heil- Plumely	Butterfly Activity	Blossoming Plants	Animals	GPS, elevation, round trip mileage by car	Researchers
5/21/2011 10:50- 2:15 p.m. 15 °C 0-10 mph wind 70% cloudy,			Currant, dandelion, Erigeron, Filaree, golden banner Hawthorn Lambert's loco, larkspur, Mahonia, Mertensia, milk vetch white, mouse ear, mtn parsley, plum, sand lily, wallflower, sm. yel. composite	Turkey vulture, crow, raven, house wren, yellow warbler	40 mi. r.t.	Larry Crowley, Betty Parks
6/16/2011 10:00 - 2:30 p.m. 23-28 ° C 0-10 mph wind, 20% clouds to overcast, sprinkle	Inside 2 nd gate to stone house and return	Gorgone nectaring on Erigeron, others flying.	Arnica, B. raspberry bindweed, Erigeron flax, Gaillardia Gaura, geranium Fremont's, Geyer's onion, Gumweed Jamesia, lupine mouse-ear, ninebark Oxalis stricta Penstemon 1-sided cinquefoil, rose, skullcap Solomon seal, spiderwort sulfur-flower wallflower	Prairie falcon screaming for food delivery, Turkey, turkey vulture, cordilleran flycatcher, w.wood pewee raven, house wren, canyon wren, chat, spotted towhee, robin, yellow warbler, spotted towhee w. tanager. Fence lizard		Jan Chu, Larry Crowley
6/8/2011 2:30-4:30 p.m. 27-32 °C			wainiowei			John Barr
cloudy, breezy			inued on the next			

Table V. Heil Valley - Plumely Canyon (Continued)

Date, Conditions	Location within Heil- Plumely	Butterfly Activity	Blossoming Plants	Animals	GPS, elevation, round trip mileage by car	Researchers
7/27/2011 9:10 – 12:00 p.m. 23-28° C wind 0-3 mph, 50% clear sky	Gate through meadow to 2 nd streamlet crossing. Extremely dry; only one small puddle in lowest part of streambed.	Butterflies looking old, much damage on wings. Aphrodite frit. nectaring on the many Monardas.	bindweed, catnip Cleome, cone flower Erigeron, Geranium Fremont's, Gaillardia, goldenrod Gumweed, Heterotheca Monarda, mullein prairie clover cactus, prickly pear prickly poppy, spiderwort sulfur-flower, toad flax lupine, white yarrow	broad tailed hummingbird, w. wood peewee, cordilleran flycatcher, pygmy and white br. nuthatch, robin, spotted towhee, w. tanager, oriole, crossbill, goldfinch		Jan Chu, Larry Crowley, Amy Chu
8/6/2011 8:40-11:30 a.m. 22-28° C 90% clear blue sky, no wind	Picnic pavilion to Lichen Trail, return beside the streambed. No water in streambed	Upon our arrival 71 Aphrodite Fritillaries were noted (within 20 minutes) flying _downstream', all in the same direction. Remaining Aphrodites were in the moist streambed. Lichen Trail and meadows were extremely dry.	Only the Monarda seemed to attract the butterflies. Heterotheca, Gumweed were in bloom. Flowers were scarce.	Turkey, hairy woodpecker, w. wood pewee, cordilleran flycatcher, warbling vireo, raven, house wren, spotted towhee, green-tailed towhee, W. tanager, mtn bluebird, chipping sparrow, crossbill, pine siskin, goldfinch	Boulder County sponsored public walk. Volunteers Marty McDaneld, Dave Leonard assisted. 23 people joined the program.	Jan Chu, Larry Crowley, Amy Chu, Venice Kelly, Kristie Lovett.

Table VI. Heil Valley – North

Heil Valley – North – Red			I	1	
Hill, Red Gulch, North Point	2011	5/3	5/31	6/19	7/29
Papilio polyxenes	Black Swallowtail				
P. zelicaon	Anise Swallowtail				
P. indra	Indra Swallowtail				
P. rutulus	Western Tiger Swallowtail		3		
P. eurymedon	Pale Swallowtail				
P. multicaudata	Two-tailed Swallowtail			1	2
Neophasia menapia	Pine White				
Pontia protodice	Checkered White				
P. occidentalis	Western White				
P. sisymbrii	Spring White				
Pieris rapae	Cabbage White		1		9
white sp.		1	15	10	
Euchloe ausonides	Large Marble		14	1	
E. olympia	Olympia Marble	1			
Anthocharis julia	Julia (S. Rocky Mtn) Orangetip				
Colias philodice	Clouded Sulphur		1		2
C. eurytheme	Orange Sulphur				1
C. alexandra	Queen Alexandra's Sulphur				
Nathalis iole	Dainty Sulphur				
Lycaena heteronea	Blue Copper				
Callophrys affinis	Canyon Bramble Hairstreak				
C. gryneus	Siva Juniper Hairstreak				
C. eryphon	Western Pine Elfin	2			
Satyrium behrii	Behr's Hairstreak				
S. titus	Coral Hairstreak				2
Strymon melinus	Gray Hairstreak				1
Leptotes marina	Marine Blue			1	
Cupido amyntula	Western Tailed-blue		7	2	
Celastrina echo sidara	Echo (Spring) Azure				
Glaucopsyche piasus	Arrowhead Blue				
G. lygdamus	Silvery Blue		10	2	
Euphilotes ancilla	Rocky Mountain Dotted-blue		1	2	
Echinargus isola	Reakirt's Blue				2
Plebejus melissa	Melissa Blue		1	5	6
P. icarioides	Boisduval's Blue			1	
P. lupini lutzi	Lupine Blue				
P. glandon rustica	Arctic Blue				
blue sp.			6	10	5
Danaus plexippus	Monarch				
Libytheana carinenta	American Snout				
Euptoieta claudia	Variegated Fritillary			1	15
Speyeria aphrodite	Aphrodite Fritillary				12

Table VI. Heil Valley – North (Continued)

Heil Valley – North – Red					
Hill, Red Gulch, North Point	2011	5/3	5/31	6/19	7/29
S. edwardsii	Edwards' Fritillary				
S. coronis	Coronis Fritillary				
S. callippe	Callippe Fritillary				
S. mormonia	Mormon Fritillary				
fritillary sp.			1	4	
Chlosyne gorgone	Gorgone Checkerspot		16	1	1
C. nycteis	Silvery Checkerspot				
C. palla	Northern Checkerspot				
P. tharos	Pearl Crescent				
P. cocyta	Northern Crescent				
P. pulchella	Field Crescent			2	
Polygonia satyrus	Satyr Comma				
P. gracilis	Hoary Comma				
Nymphalis antiopa	Mourning Cloak		1		
N. californica	California Tortoiseshell				
Vanessa atalanta	Red Admiral				
V. cardui	Painted Lady				
V. virginiensis	American Lady				
Limenitis weidemeyerii	Weidemeyer's Admiral			3	
Asterocampa celtis	Hackberry Emperor				8
Coenonympha tullia ochracea	Ochre (Common) Ringlet		11	17	
Cercyonis pegala	Common Wood-Nymph				17
C. oetus	Small Wood-nymph				
Epargyreus clarus	Silver-spotted Skipper		1	3	
Erynnis afranius	Afranius Duskywing				
E. persius	Persius Duskywing				
Pyrgus communis	Common Checkered-skipper			1	
Pholisora catullus	Common Sootywing			8	
Piruna pirus	Russet Skipperling				
Oarisma garita	Garita Skipperling				
Hesperia juba	Juba Skipper			2	
H. pahaska	Pahaska Skipper				
H. viridis	Green Skipper			1	1
H. nevada	Nevada Skipper				
Polites themistocles	Tawny-Edged Skipper				
P. mystic	Long Dash				
Atrytone arogos	Arogos Skipper				1
Ochlodes sylvanoides	Woodland Skipper				
Poanes taxiles	Taxiles Skipper				
Euphyes vestris	Dun Skipper			3	
Atrytonopsis hianna	Dusted Skipper		5		
skipper sp.			6	2	

Table VI. Heil Valley - North (Continued)

Date, Conditions	Location Heil - North	Butterfly Behavior	Blossoming Plants	Animals	GPS, elevation, round trip mileage by car	Research- ers
5/3/2011 10:30- 11:00 a.m., then 11:35- 12:35 p.m. 13-12°C 40% clouds to overcast, no wind	Red Hill meadow, then Red Hill saddle to ravine	Hiding, very sluggish.	Few plants and all very short. Physaria belli, buttercup, candy tuft, dandelion, dandelion wavy-leaf, Easter daisy, golden banner, Mahonia, Nuttall's violet, salt & pepper sand lily, spring beauty	Turkey, Turkey vulture, pygmy and wh breasted nuthatch, mtn. and western bluebird, junco, chipping sparrow. Deer, Abert's squirrel.	Pt 121 meadow above Marietta Canyon 6765 _ N 40.17478 W 105. 30065 Red Gulch saddle Pt. 122 6781' N 40.17481 W 105.30069 41 mi. r.t.	Jan Chu, Amy Chu, Jean Morgan Venice Kelly
5/31/2011 10:00 –1:30 p.m. 16 °C; wind 5 -15 mph; no clouds. Upper pond was 30' across with water in the lower holding ponds.	North Point. Drove to _dismantled home site,' walk to north ridge and return.	Dusted skipper nectaring on Fremont's geranium. Wind whisking away several skippers.	Choke cherry, Erigeron, Lambert's loco, B. raspberry, Castilleja, cowboy's delight, dandelion, dandelion curly-leaf, filaree, flax, Geyer's onion, golden banner, geranium Fremont's, nightshade, Mertensia, milk vetch, mouse-ear, mtn. parsley, Nuttall's violet, Penstemon one-sided, cinquefoil, salsify, sand lily, skunkbush, spiderwort, stargrass lily yellow 1.4" upright, wall flower	Turkey vulture, magpie, w. wood pewee, yellow- breasted chat, house wren, spotted towhee, w. tanager, Am. goldfinch, song sparrow. Cricket frogs	50 mi r.t.	Larry Crowley, Amy Chu, Venice Kelly, John Barr

Table VI. Heil Valley - North (Continued)

Date, Conditions	Location Heil - North	Butterfly Behavior	Blossoming Plants	Animals	GPS, elevation, round trip mileage by car	Research- ers
6/19/2011 10:00 – 1:00 p.m. 19-20° C 0-10 mph wind; 50% clouds to overcast.	Red Gulch. Walked through friend's home and farm equipment up the canyon. No water at all.	Green skipper and dun skipper nectaring on Fremont geranium. Large marble nectaring on flax. Each Catullus patrolling an 8' long territory near ground in the gulch. Host plant pigweed and chickweed for Catullus not in bloom.	alfalfa, bindweed cowboy's delight dandelion, Erigeron flax, Gaillardia Gaura, geranium, Fremont's. Hydrophyllum lupine alba milk vetch poison hemlock skullcap, snowberry spiderwort, toadflax wild lettuce, willow yucca	Turkey vulture, collared dove, magpie, spotted towhee, yel br chat, house wren, western meadowlark, goldfinch. Rattlesnake (Crotalus viridis)	51 mi.r.t.	Jan Chu, Larry Crowley, Jean Morgan
7/29/2011 9:30-12:15 p.m. 23 - 30° C 0-15 mph 98% clear.	North Point walked from old house site upward to west crest of hill. Water in lowest pond only near lane.	Variegated fritillaries mating. Arogos, Melissa, Variegated nectaring on Fremont geranium. No bull thistle blossoms left. Hackberry butterflies among hackberry trees.	cactus, prickly pear prairie clover coneflower evening primrose, Oenothera howardii geranium, Fre. goldenrod Gumweed prickly poppy St. John's wort sulfur-flower sunflower, Verbena stricta	Kestrel, mourning dove, horned owl, w. wood pewee, magpie, chickadee, canyon wren, yel. br. chat, spotted towhee, goldfinch. Abandoned prairie dog holes		Jan Chu, Larry Crowley, Jean Morgan, Venice Kelly

Table VII. Walker Ranch - Meyer's Gulch

Walker Ranch,				[
Meyer's Gulch	2011	6/7	6/27	7/13	8/25
Papilio smintheus	Rocky Mountain Parnassian		2	6	
P. polyxenes	Black Swallowtail				
P. zelicaon	Anise Swallowtail	5	2		
P. indra	Short-tail Swallowtail	2			
P. rutulus	Western Tiger Swallowtail	5		1	
P. eurymedon	Pale Swallowtail		3	3	
P. multicaudata	Two-tailed Swallowtail				
Neophasia menapia	Pine White				
Pontia protodice	Checkered White				
P. sisymbrii	Spring White				
Pieris rapae	Cabbage White			1	4
white sp.			4	2	3
Euchloe ausonides	Large Marble	13			
	Julia (S. Rocky Mountain)	1			
Anthocharis julia	Orangetip				
Colias philodice	Clouded Sulphur	1			2
C. eurytheme	Orange Sulphur				3
C. alexandra	Queen Alexandra's Sulphur			2	
Nathalis iole	Dainty Sulphur				
sulphur sp.					5
Lycaena heteronea	Blue Copper				
Callophrys affinis	Canyon Bramble Hairstreak	15	3	1	
C. sheridanii	White-line Green Hairstreak				
C. augustinus	Brown Elfin				
C. polios	Hoary Elfin	17			
C. eryphon	Western Pine Elfin	3			
Satyrium saepium	Hedgerow Hairstreak				3
Strymon melinus	Gray Hairstreak				
Cupido amyntula	Western Tailed-Blue		2		
Celestrina echo sidara	Echo (Spring) Azure	1			
Glaucopsyche piasus	Arrowhead Blue		1		
G. lygdamus	Silvery Blue	3	1		
Euphilotes ancilla	Rocky Mountain Dotted-Blue	1	13	30	
Echinargus isola	Reakirt's Blue				2
Plebejus melissa	Melissa Blue		1		6
P. saepiolus	Greenish Blue				
P. icarioides	Boisduval's Blue		3	11	
P. lupini lutzi	Lupine Blue				
blue sp.	•	10	10	8	4
Apodemia nais	Nais Metalmark				
Danaus plexippus	Monarch				
Euptoieta claudia	Variegated Fritillary				
Speyeria aphrodite	Aphrodite Fritillary			1	10
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Table VII. Walker Ranch – Meyer's Gulch (Continued)

Walker Ranch,	2011		C/25	= 410	0/25
Meyer's Gulch	2011	6/7	6/27	7/13	8/25
S. edwardsii	Edwards' Fritillary			1	
S. callippe	Callippe Fritillary	-		1	
S. hesperis	Northwestern Fritillary	1	1	2	3
S. mormonia	Mormon Fritillary	1 7			10
fritillary sp.		7		6	10
Chlosyne gorgone	Gorgone Checkerspot				
C. nycteis	Silvery Checkerspot			1	
C. palla	Northern Checkerspot			6	
Phyciodes cocyta	Northern Crescent		1	1	
P. pulchella	Field Crescent	1ph	3	3	2
Euphydryas anicia	Variable Checkerspot			16	
Polygonia gracilis	Hoary Comma	3			2
Aglais milberti	Milbert's Tortoiseshell		1		
Nymphalis antiopa	Mourning Cloak				
N. californica	California Tortoiseshell				
Vanessa atalanta	Red Admiral				
V. cardui	Painted Lady		1		
V. virginiensis	American Lady				
Limenitis weidemeyerii	Weidemeyer's Admiral			1	1
Coenonympha tullia ochracea	Ochre (Common) Ringlet	19	25	5	
Cercyonis pegala	Common Wood Nymph				
C. oetus	Small Wood Nymph			5	32
Erebia epipsodea	Common Alpine	2	5	2	
Oeneis uhleri	Uhler's Arctic	13	3		
Erynnis icelus	Dreamy Duskywing				
E. pacuvius	Pacuvius Duskywing	1			
E. persius	Persius Duskywing	5	4	2	
Pyrgus communis	Common Checkered-skipper	1		1	
Piruna pirus	Russet Skipperling			2	
Oarisma garita	Garita Skipperling		7		
Hesperia juba	Juba Skipper				1
H. colorado	Western Branded Skipper				8
Polites themistocles	Tawny-edged Skipper				
P. mystic	Long Dash	1			
Ochlodes sylvanoides	Woodland Skipper				11
Poanes taxiles	Taxiles Skipper			1	
Euphyes vestris	Dun Skipper	<u> </u>		3	
skipper sp.	2 am ompper	3	3	2	2
ompper sp.					 _

Table VII. Walker Ranch – Meyer's Gulch (Continued)

Date Condi- tions	Location Walker	Butterfly Behavior	Blooming Plants	Animals	GPS, elevation, mileage by car	Research- ers
4/28/2011 10:00 – 12:30 p.m. 17 °C wind 0-45 mph partly sunny	Meyer's Home- stead Trail Open, very dry, very few muddy spots. Walked to north end and return.	None sighted	Only alder blooming with catkins	Sharp shinned hawk, red-tailed, crow, raven, Steller's jay, bl.cap. and mtn chickadee, robin, junco, hairy woodpecker, mtn .bluebird, wh. br. and pygmy nuthatch	7388° N 39°57323 W105°20207 25 r.t.	Larry Crowley, Jean Morgan, John Barr, Jan Chu
5/6/2011 10:30 – 11:50 a.m. 14 °C wind 0-10 mph 80% cloud cover. Ground saturated with much running water.	Trail dry. Lacking muddy spots.	None apparent.	All very short from lack of moisture. Candy tuft, dandelion, pasque flower, sand lily, spring beauty	Hummingbird, Steller's jay, wh. br nuthatch, mtn. bluebird, vesper sparrow, chipping sparrow	Pt. 123 trailhead 7053' N 39°95777 W105°33870 Pt 124 turnaround by willows 7347' N39.96356 W105.04327	Jan Chu, John Barr, Bea Butler
5/22/2011 10:15 – 11:30 a.m. 14 °C wind steady, sky 80% clouded	Walked on road, turn around at fire trail #2,3 on right	None sighted	Dandelion, Mertensia, mouse-ear, sand lily	Kestrel, raven, mtn chickadee, pygmy nuthatch, mtn. bluebird, robin, yel-rumped warbler, pine siskin, wh. crowned sparrow, dark-eyed junco. Golden mantled ground squirrel	33 mi r.t.	Larry Crowley, Venice Kelly

Table VII. Walker Ranch – Meyer's Gulch (Continued)

Date Condi- tions	Location Walker	Butterfly Behavior	Blooming Plants	Animals	GPS, elevation, mileage by car	Research- ers
6/7/2011 9:30 – 1:30 p.m. 17 - 25°C no clouds, wind 20 mph	Walked on road, into meadow next to stream (because of lack of moisture), almost to Fire trail #2, and 3	Not easy to find, but butterflies were attracted to a muddy rut in the road Mormon Fritillary photos by Venice and Nancy.	alder, B. raspberry dandelion, death camus, Erigeron, Fremont's geranium, iris, larkspur, mouse-ear, Mertensia, mtn parsley, Nuttall's violet, pasque flower, one-sided Penstemon, cinquefoil, Plantensis sp., prairie smoke, ragwort, sand lily, shooting star, wallflower, wax currant	red-tail hawk chased by 4 ravens; w. wood pewee, crow, raven, chickadee, house wren, chipping sparrow, western meadowlark. Full- sized toad	28 mi r.t	Jan Chu, Larry Crowley, Venice Kelly, Amy Chu, John Barr, Janet Hanley, Nancy Lovell
6/27/2011 10:00-1:20 p.m. 14-16° C 60% clouds wind 0-5 mph	Parking lot on Meyer's Homestead Trail to old barn in meadow. Walked far afield in meadows.	No mud puddles. Butterflies were dispersed. Garita skipperling nectaring on Fremont geranium. Dotted blue mating on sulfurflowers. 80+ Milbert's tortoiseshell caterpillars devouring stinging nettle 1st thru 4th instars.	Androsace, B. raspberry, bog orchid, buttercup, Erigeron, flax, Gaillardia, Geranium Fre., green gentian, Heterotheca, Jim Hill mustard, Lambert's loco, mouse-ear, mullein, Penstemon viridis, cinquefoil, red clover, rose, salsify, stonecrop, sulfur-flower, yarrow	red-tail hawk, hairy woodpecker, w. wood pewee, crow, w.br. nuthatch, house wren, mtn bluebird, w. bluebird, robin, w. tanager, spotted towhee, grtailed towhee house finch, goldfinch	28 mi r.t.	Jan Chu, Larry, Crowley, Amy Chu, Venice Kelly BCNA class: Janet Hanley, Jane Bunin, Leslie Hopf, Tina Jones, Rita Klees, Nancy Loving, Lysa Wegman- French

Table VII. Walker Ranch – Meyer's Gulch (Continued)

Date Condi- tions	Location Walker	Butterfly Behavior	Blooming Plants	Animals	GPS, elevation, mileage by car	Research- ers
7/13/2011 9:10-1:50 p.m. 16-23° C 0-15 mph wind, 95% clear	Walked on roadway 1 ½ mi; return by roadway.	Parnassian nectaring on Sedum; dotted-blues nectaring on sulfur- flower; callippe and northwester n fritillary and dun skipper nectaring on dogbane.	Bedstraw, bindweed, black-eyed Susan, bog orchid, bull thistle, buttercup, chamomile, campanula, Ceanothus fendleri, chicory, cow parsnip, dogbane, Erigeron, evening primrose common, false forget-me-not, flax, geranium Fremont's, Gaillardia, Gilia, goldenrod, green gentian, Gumweed, Heterotheca, Hydrophyllum, Jack Hill mustard, Lambert's loco, lupine, Mariposa lily, meadow rue, Mertensia, milk vetch, miner's candle, Monarda, mullein, Penstemon one- sided, paintbrush, pea sp.tiny white, cinquefoil, red clover, salsify, stone crop	Hairy woodpecker, flicker, w.wood pewee, crow, raven chickadee, w.br. nuthatch, pygmy nuthatch, house wren, mtn bluebird, y ellow rumped warbler, w. tanager, goldfinch		Jan Chu, Larry Crowley, Jean Morgan, Nancy Loving

Table VII. Walker Ranch – Meyer's Gulch (Continued)

Date Condi- tions	Location Walker	Butterfly Behavior	Blooming Plants	Animals	GPS, elevation, mileage by car	Research- ers
8/25/2011 9:30-1:00 p.m. 23 – 28 °C. cloudless to 40% clouds, wind 0-5 mph	Walked along willow- stream to rocky knoll	Aphrodite nectaring on tall blue aster; woodland skipper nectaring on blue aster, gay feather	Aster, purple, chicory, clover red, Erigeron white, evening primrose common, flax, gayfeather, geranium Fremont's geranium Richardson, Gilia white, goldenrod, Gumweed, harebell, Heterotheca, lupine white, Monarda, monkshood, mullein, paintbrush red, Rudbeckia, thistle Canada, yarrow	Swainson's hawk, Steller's jay, crow, house wren, chipping sparrow	28 mi r.t	Jan Chu, Larry Crowley, Jean Morgan, Venice Kelly, Galen Kelly

Table VIII. Reynold's Ranch

Reynold's Ranch	2011	6/11	7/11	8/1	8/22
Papilio polyxenes	Black Swallowtail		1	fem.	
P. zelicaon	Anise Swallowtail	1	1		
P. rutulus	W. Tiger Swallowtail		3		
Pontia protodice	Checkered white			3	
white sp.		1	4		1
Euchloe ausonides	Large Marble	11			
Colias eurytheme	Orange Sulphur	6	44	32	13
C. alexandra	Queen Alexandra's Sulphur				3
Lycaena rubidus	Ruddy Copper				13
Celastrina echo sidara	Echo (Spring) Azure	1			
Glaucopsyche lygdamus	Silvery Blue	4			
Euphilotes ancilla	R Mtn Dotted Blue		4		
Plebejus saepiolus	Greenish Blue		102	3	
P. icarioides	Boisduval's Blue		2		
P. glandon rustica	Arctic Blue				
blue sp.		4	28		
Euptoieta claudia	Variegated Fritillary				
Speyeria aphrodite	Aphrodite Fritillary			3	4
S. edwardsii	Edwards' Fritillary				1
S. coronis	Coronis Fritillary			5	
S. callippe	Callippe Fritillary				43
S. hesperis	Northwestern Fritillary				3
S. mormonia	Mormon Fritillary			1	
Boloria selene	Silver-bordered Fritillary			7	
fritillary sp.					9
Phyciodes pallida	Pale Crescent			1	
P. cocyta	Northern Crescent		3	4	
P. pulchella	Field Crescent		3	1	
checkerspot sp.					
Polygonia gracilis	Hoary Comma		1	3	
Vanessa cardui	Painted Lady		1		
Coenonympha tullia ochracea	Common (Ochre) Ringlet	2	108	2	
Cercyonis oetus	Small Wood Nymph			14	12
Erebia epipsodea	Common Alpine	2	10		
Erynnis persius	Persius Duskywing	3	1	1	
Hesperia colorado	W. Branded Skipper				
Polites draco	Draco Skipper		2		
Pyrgus communis	Common Checkered- Skipper			1	
skipper sp.		5	2	2	
Euphyes vestris	Dun Skipper		1		

Table VIII. Reynold's Ranch (Continued)

Date, Condition s	Location within Reynold's Ranch	Butterfly Behavior	Blossom- ing Plants	Animals	GPS, elevationr.t mileage by car	Research- er
4/27/2011 24-32 °F extreme cold wind, snow on ground	Initial visit Giggey pond, north marsh, utility line				58 mi r.t.	Jan Chu, Venice Kelly, John Barr, Susan Spaulding, Will Keeley
6/11/2011 10:00-1:30 p.m. 14-19° C 0-5 mph wind; 90 % clouds to total overcast	1.Magnolia Road gate, south beside _Giggey' pond; 2. north of Magnolia Rd. beside bog in logging ruts to north fence.	Large marble ovipositing on tower mustard and nectaring on dandelion; few butterflies puddling in rutmud	bistort buttercups 5" tall Gentiana white golden banner, iris Mertensia, mouse-ear Nuttall's violet Oxytropis white paintbrush red parsley mtn. parsley whiskbroom, Senecio, shooting star smartweed, strawberry tower mustard, wallflower	Turkey vulture, sapsucker, violet-green swallow, house wren, mtn bluebirds watching their several young feed between ground and branch; robin, chipping sparrow, lark sparrow, red-winged blackbird, cowbird, pine siskin	43 mi. r.t.	Jan Chu, Larry Crowley, Amy Chu, John Barr

Table VIII. Reynold's Ranch (Continued)

Date, Condition s	Location within Reynold's Ranch	Butterfly Behavior	Blossom- ing Plants	Animals	GPS, elevationr.t	mileage by car	Research- er
7/11/2011 9:30 – 1:00 p.m. 18-21° C 5-10 mph wind overcast to 60% clouds to overcast	Giggey Meadow south to fence, then return along north ecotone to car. North bog meadow off Magnolia Rd.	Greenish blue nectaring on red clover and onions, one pair mating; Hoary comma nectaring on onion; swallowtails hilltoping. Queen Alexandra's ovipositing on golden banner, nectaring on Arnica	Most beautiful meadow of flowers around Giggey. Arnica, Arnica, subalpine bedstraw, bistort black-eyed Susan chickweed, clover, red clover, sweet, columbine elephant, red, Erigeron Gaillardia, gentian, green geranium, Fremont's, Gilia, golden banner grass, blue-eyed? 1" flowers. harebell, iris Lambert loco, Mertensia onion, Geyer, paintbrush parsley, whiskbroom, Penstemon, one-sided, cinquefoil, pussytoes pink, rose, sedge, shooting star strawberry, sulfur-flower valerian, wallflower wood lily, yarrow	Red-tail, mourning dove, pygmy nuthatch, mtn. bluebird, violet-gr. swallow, house wren, robin, chipping sparrow, junco, red wing, cowbird, pine siskin, goldfinch			Jan Chu, Larry Crowley, Jean Morgan, Venice Kelly, John Barr, Joe Krieg

Table VIII. Reynold's Ranch (Continued)

Date, Condition s	Location within Reynold's Ranch	Butterfly Behavior	Blossom- ing Plants	Animals	GPS, elevationr.t mileage by car	Research- er
8/1/2011 9:30 – 12:30 p.m. 21-22° C 40% to 50% cloudy, wind 5-25 mph.	North meadow-bog of Reynold's. Walked the ecotone to the east, through the bog, circled back on the west. Flowers in full bloom.	Queen Alexandra's sulphurs nectaring on bull thistle; silver- bordered fritillary nectaring on onion. Larry netted the first selene ever reported in our ten-years' of surveying.	alfalfa, bedstraw bistort black-eyed Susan, bull thistle, buttercup, white Campanula, Canada thistle, clover, pink clover, red, _dandelion', Erigeron, evening primrose common, Gaillardia, globe flower, goldenrod Gumweed, Lambert loco larkspur, mariposa lily milk vetch, onion, Geyer's, onion, nodding orchid, bog paintbrush, yellow, paintbrush crimson red, Penstemon, cinquefoil, sandwort, Senecio, stonecrop, umbel, yarrow, white Zygadenus	Turkey vulture, red-tailed hawk Steller's jay, crow, raven, mtn. bluebird, mtn . chickadee. Wandering garter snake	43 mi. r.t.	Jan Chu, Larry, Crowley, Jean Morgan

Table VIII. Reynold's Ranch (Continued)

Date, Condition s	Location within Reynold's Ranch	Butterfly Behavior	Blossom- ing Plants	Animals	GPS, elevationr.t mileage by car	Research- er
8-22-2011 9:30 – 12:30 p.m. 21 - 26° C, 10-20 mph wind, 50% overcast	Giggey pond – walked south near ecotone to fence; return near pond. Cattle had stripped flowers and only iris and grasses remain. North bog along west ecotone to fence then return near west pine edge.	Few flowers, but fritillaries nectaring on Canada thistles and purple asters. Callippe females flying into plants on ground, crawling to look for violets. Dragonflies and bluebirds chasing butterflies.	bottle gentian blue, bull thistle, Canada thistle, gumweed, Heterotheca purple aster, yellow clover	Immature red-tail hawk glided overhead just above us; pine siskin pulling seeds from Canada thistle – wind carried fluff as it ate seeds. Many bluebirds. Wilson's snipe. Vole	43 mi r.t.	Jan Chu, Venice Kelly, John Barr, Joe Krieg

Table IX. Caribou Ranch - Mud Lake

Caribou, Mud Lake	2011	6/21	7/1	7/22	8/3
Parnassius smintheus	Rocky Mountain Parnassian		13	9	1
Papilio polyxenes	Black Swallowtail				
P. zelicaon	Anise Swallowtail			1	
P. rutulus	W. Tiger Swallowtail	1	2	2	2
P. eurymedon	Pale Swallowtail			2	
black swallowtail sp.			1	2	
Neophasia menapia	Pine White				
Pontia protodice	Checkered White			1	
P. occidentalis	Western White				
Pieris rapae	Cabbage White				5
P. marginalis	Mustard White				
white sp.		1	6		
Euchloe ausonides	Large Marble	1			
Anthocharis julia	Julia (S. Rocky Mountain) Orangetip				
Colias philodice	Clouded Sulphur				
C. eurytheme	Orange Sulphur				1
C. alexandra	Queen Alexandra's Sulphur		9	63	19
Eurema mexicana	Mexican Sulphur				
Abaeis nicippe	Sleepy Orange				
Nathalis iole	Dainty Sulphur				
Lycaena rubidus	Ruddy Copper				1
L. heteronea	Blue Copper				
L. helloides	Purplish Copper				3
Callophrys affinis homoperplexa	Canyon Bramble Hairstreak				
C. sheridanii	White-lined Green Hairstreak				
C. spinetorum	Thicket Hairstreak	15	1		
C. augustinus	Brown Elfin	1	2		
C. polios	Hoary Elfin				
C. eryphon	Western Pine Elfin	8	2		
Satyrium saepium	Hedgerow Hairstreak				
Strymon melinus	Gray Hairstreak				
Cupido amyntula	Western Tailed-Blue		1		
Celastrina echo sidara	Echo (Spring) Azure				
Glaucopsyche piasus	Arrowhead Blue		1		
G. lygdamus	Silvery Blue	4	3		
Euphilotes ancilla	Rocky Mountain Dotted-Blue		8	2	
Echinargus isola	Reakirt's Blue			2	
Plebejus melissa	Melissa Blue				2
P. saepiolus	Greenish Blue				
P. icarioides	Boisduval's Blue	1	6	8	2
P. lupini lutzi	Lupine Blue			2	2
P. glandon rustica	Arctic Blue				2
					1

Table IX. Caribou Ranch – Mud Lake (Continued)

Caribou, Mud Lake	2011	6/21	7/1	7/22	8/3
Euptoieta claudia	Variegated Fritillary			1	
Speyeria aphrodite	Aphrodite Fritillary				
S. edwardsii	Edwards' Fritillary				
S. coronis	Coronis Fritillary				
S. hesperis	Northwestern Fritillary				12
fritillary sp.		1			7
Poladryas arachne	Arachne Checkerspot				
Chlosyne gorgone	Gorgone Checkerspot				
C. nycteis	Silvery Checkerspot		7		
C. palla	Northern Checkerspot		17	5	3
Phyciodes pallida	Pale Crescent				1
P. tharos	Pearl Crescent				
P. cocyta	Northern Crescent			2	
P. pulchella	Field Crescent		1		
Euphydryas anicia	Variable Checkerspot				1
Polygonia faunus	Green Comma				
P. gracilis	Hoary Comma				1
Nymphalis antiopa	Mourning Cloak		1		
Vanessa atalanta	Red Admiral				
V. cardui	Painted Lady				
V. virginiensis	American Lady				
Limenitis weidemeyerii	Weidemeyer's Admiral			3	4
Coenonympha tullia ochracea	Common (Ochre) Ringlet	9	29	1	1
Cercyonis pegala	Common Wood-Nymph		2	2	1
C. oetus	Small Wood-Nymph			2	31
Erebia epipsodea	Common Alpine	2	28	5	
Oeneis chryxus	Chryxus Arctic				
Thorybes pylades	Northern Cloudywing	1			
Erynnis icelus	Dreamy Duskywing		2		
E. pacuvius	Pacuvius Duskywing				
E. persius	Persius Duskywing	4	18	2	1
Pyrgus communis	Common Checkered-skipper				1
Piruna pirus	Russet Skipperling				1
Oarisma garita	Garita Skipperling			1	
Hesperia juba	Juba Skipper		2		
H. colorado	Western Branded Skipper		1		
H. pahaska	Pahaska Skipper				
H. viridis	Green Skipper				
H. nevada	Nevada Skipper		1		
Polites draco	Draco Skipper		3	3	
Poanes taxiles	Taxiles Skipper				
Euphyes vestris	Dun Skipper				2?
skipper sp.					

Table IX. Caribou Ranch – Mud Lake (Continued)

Date, Con- ditions	Location Caribou, Mud Lake	Butterfly Behavior	Blossom- ing Plants	Animals	GPS, elevation or r.t. mileage by car	Research- ers
6/21/2011 10:a.m 12:00 p.m. 12-18° C 5-35 mph wind, clouds 5% to 30%;	Mud Lake, to grassed shallow gulley, then toward highway; return via south side of lake	Thicket hairstreak nectaring on white pussytoes and mtn parsley; pine elfin nectaring on mtn parsley. Cold temp, so butterflies mostly in N-S gulley	anemone pink, Arnica heart-leaf golden banner golden smoke, green gentian, iris, larkspur lupine, Mertensia, mouse-ear, parsley mtn, whiskbroom parsley, Penstemon, Physaria cinquefoil, pussytoes, salsify, skull cap, strawberry, tower mustard, violet (purple), wallflower	Pied-bill grebe, crow, raven, v.gr swallow, w.br. nuthatch, ruby crowned kinglet, hermit thrush, robin, br. tailed hummingbird red wing, pine siskin	Point 132 Elev. 8388' N 39.97911 W105.50802 52 mi r.t.	Jan Chu, Larry Crowley, Amy Chu
7/1/2011 10:00-1:00 p.m. 17-22° C; clear blue sky, to 40% cloudy; no wind	Caribou meadow inside locked gate northeast toward bog	Ringlet and Boisduval's blue nectaring on Geyer onion; N. checkerspot nectaring on Erigeron; Parnassian nectaring on Arnica and ovipositing on Sedum; common alpine nectaring on mouse-ear	anemone pink multifida, Arnica blue-eyed grass coral root, Erigeron Gaillardia, geranium Fremont's., geranium Rich. Geyer onion golden banner green gentian Hydrophyllum, iris Lambert's loco larkspur, lupine Mertensia, milk vetch monkshood mouse-ear, mtn. parsley, ninebark paintbrush Penstemon blue Physaria sp pygmy bitterroot cinquefoil, Pussytoes rose, salsify Senecio,shooting star skullcap, stonecrop sulfur-flower wallflower, yarrow	Chipping sparrow, sapsucker, ruby c.kinglet, warbling vireo, house wren, hairy woodpecker, robin		Jan Chu, Larry Crowley, Jean Morgan, Amy Chu, Venice Kelly

Table IX. Caribou Ranch – Mud Lake (Continued)

Date, Con- ditions	Location Caribou, Mud Lake	Butterfly Behavior	Blossom- ing Plants	Animals	GPS, elevation or r.t. mileage by car	Research- ers
7/22/2011 9:15 – 1:40 p.m. 21 - 27° C, blue sky, zero wind to 5 mph.	Caribou parking lot, along trail to interior roadway.	B'flies flying fast. Anise swallowtail nectaring on Lambert's loco. Queen Alexandra's sulphur zipping over the meadow, sometimes in a two-butterflies-spiral.	Angelica, bedstraw black-eyed Susan Campanula, cinquefoil clover purple clover sweet, coral root, Erigeron evening primrose fireweed, flax Gaillardia geranium Fremont's, geranium Richardson, Gilia, goldenrod green gentian Gumweed, hawkweed Lambert's loco, lupine Mariposa lily, Mertensia, milk vetch paintbrush Penstemon one-sided pine drop, pussytoes rose, sandwort Senecio, stonecrop sulfur-flower wallflower, yarrow	Mourning dove, night hawk, b.t. hummingbird, mtn chickadee, dark-eyed junco, pine siskin. Chipmunk, chicory squirrel, golden mantle ground squirrel, cotton tail.	50 mi. r.t.	Jan Chu, Larry Crowley, Jean Morgan, Mary Balzer, Elaine Hill, Pam Piombino

Table IX. Caribou Ranch – Mud Lake (Continued)

Date, Con- ditions	Location Caribou, Mud Lake	Butterfly Behavior	Blossom- ing Plants	Animals	GPS, elevation or r.t. mileage by car	Research- ers
8/3/2011 9:30-12:30 p.m. 17 - 22° C, 98% blue sky, 0-5 mph wind following heavy rain last night.	Bluebell Mine,	Northwestern fritillary nectaring on Gaillardia. Bull thistle blossoms at their peak.	alfalfa, bedstraw black-eyed Susan bull thistle, Campanula, clover, red, clover, sweet clover, white, Erigeron evening primrose common, fireweed, Gaillardia geranium, Fre., Gilia goldenrod, g umweed hawkweed Lambert's loco, lupine Mariposa lily, Monarda monk's hood, mullein nodding onion oxeye daisy paintbrush, green paintbrush, red Penstemon, one-sided pussytoes rose, Rudbeckia, salsify sulfur-flower thistle, white yarrow	Dusky grouse and 2 chicks, Steller's jay raven, chickadee, b.t. hummingbird, cordilleran flycatcher, robin, dark-eyed junco		Jan Chu, Larry Crowley, Amy Chu, Venice Kelly, Jeff Moser

Table X. Rabbit Mountain

Rabbit Mountain	2011	4/11	5/31	9/9
Papilio polyxenes	Black Swallowtail			1
P. multicaudata	Two-tailed Swallowtail			
Pontia protodice	Checkered White		5	
P. occidentalis	Western White			
Euchloe ausonides	Large Marble		3	
white sp.		2		
Colias philodice	Clouded Sulphur			1
Glycopsyche lygdamus	Silvery Blue			
Euphilotes ancilla	Rocky Mtn. Dotted-Blue		4	
Danaus plexippus	Monarch			
Euptoieta claudia	Variegated Fritillary			5
Speyeria aphrodite	Aphrodite Fritillary			3
S. edwardsii	Edwards' Fritillary			2
S. coronis	Coronis Fritillary			1
Chlosyne gorgone	Gorgone Checkerspot		3	
Phyciodes pulchella	Field Crescent			
Vanessa cardui	Painted Lady			
Pyrgus communis	Common Checkered-skipper		1	2
Pholisora catullus	Common Sootywing			
Hesperia leonardus	Leonard's Skipper			27
Poanes taxiles	Taxiles Skipper			
Atrytonopsis hianna	Dusted Skipper		3 ph	

Table X. Rabbit Mountain (Continued)

Date	Location Rabbit	Butterfly	Blossoming		
Conditions	Mountain	Behavior	Plants	Animals	Researchers
4/11/2011 11:00 - 1:30 p.m. 12 -16 ° C 0-5 mph wind 35% clouds	Walked the trail, across road onto upper trail	Cold and windy. Butterflies along sunny service road	chickweed, Corydalis curvisiliqua, dandelion wavy leaf, Easter daisy filaree,Musineon mustard small lavender, mustard weeds tiny yellow, Nuttall's violet, salt & pepper, violet violet color	Red-tail hawk, chickadee, white-br. nuthatch, canyon wren western meadowlark	Jan Chu, Larry Crowley
5/31/2011 2:15-4:15 p.m. 23 °C clear sky, wind 0-5 mph	Walked up trail, returned by road	Few flying	Eriogonum Gaillardia geranium Fre. Geyer's onion Mertensia mouse-ear Nuttall's violet puccoon Senecio sp. spiderwort Spreading daisy toadflax Verbena bipinifolia, wallflower	Chat, blue grosbeak pair	Jan Chu, Jean Morgan
9/9/2011 9:30-1:15 p.m. 17-22°C 60% clear no clouds	Followed roadway to meadow at top of hiking trail and return by trail	Leonard's Skippers and fritillaries nectaring on Liatris. Schinia gaurae (Clouded crimson moth) caterpillars on Gaura parviflora	Brickellia eupatorioides, Gumweed Liatris punctata, moth mullein, Verbascum blattaria, white aster Virgulus falcatus	prairie dog, cottontail, barber-pole grasshopper Dactylotum bicolor, mourning cloak grasshopper Dissosteira Carolina, ebony grasshopper Boopendon nubilum	Jan Chu, Jean Morgan, Lynn and Gene Monroe

VIII. Analysis of 2007 – 2011 Butterfly Inventories

We conducted walking surveys in seven major areas within five open space properties annually from 2007-2011concentrating on seven areas. What conclusions can be drawn from the data? For each area, the major butterflies are chosen, as determined from 2004-2007 records (Chu, Sportiello, 2007). Major butterflies with the largest populations are more likely to be statistically worthy and most likely to show a trend. Tables XI – XVII show the following numbers for these five years: a) RH; b) species identified annually; c) cumulative totals of species; d) total I/RH and e) Species/RH. Just to recap, the standard unit _Individuals per Research Hour' (I/RH) describes the total number of individual butterflies sighted divided by the total number of hours of field research by the team for each specific study area. Species/RH refers to species per research hour. Tables XVIII – XX show results for Major Butterflies: a) Annual I/RH, b) Five-year Annual I/RH vs Five-year Average c) Five-year Annual Species/RH vs Average.

Five-year surveys 2007-2011, showed an average of 86 I/RH on seven sites (see Table XIX). We calculated a high of 112 I/RH during 2007; I/RH were 90 in 2008; 104 in 2009; 62 in 2010, and the number fell to 61in 2011. In addition, the average number of species/RH was 3.4 (see Table XX). Species remained fairly steady with 4.3 in 2007; 3.5 in 2008; 3.2 in 2009; 3.4 in 2010 followed by the lowest numbers 2.7 in 2011.

A. I/RH and Species/RH on Open Space Properties

1. Southeast Buffer is entered by the steel gate west of McCaslin Boulevard and north of W. 120th, at Hwy 128 and includes a portion of Rock Creek entered on the west Coalton Road. The mixed-grass pasture is showing more vegetation than in past years. Cattle have not been left to graze for very long periods in the study area and through spraying, the county attempted limited weed control. In 2007, the greatest numbers of species and I/RH were sighted; however in 2010, the highest numbers of individuals were counted, this due in part because of a sizable immigration of southern butterflies. The highest number (14) of Black Swallowtails were here in the Southeast Buffer in 2007, but it must be noted that during 10 years of surveying, these numbers were not repeated in the Buffer nor ever seen in other areas.

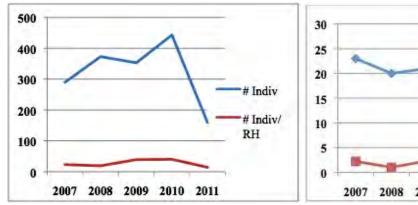
In 2008, the low I/RH may be due to the land being –extremely dry, hot and windy, with most plants desiccated and eaten to the ground by prairie dogs." (Chu, 2008) In 2009, –the prairie dog burrows had been vacated and the cattle were grazing heavily. Three coyotes were

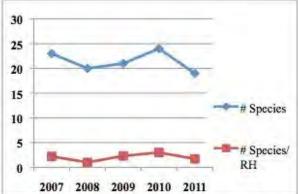
hunting mincing their steps along the far hillside. A large influx of Variegated Fritillaries flew May through the end of June 2009, raising the I/RH." (Chu, 2009) During 2010, we saw numerous Checkered Whites, Dainty Sulphurs, Clouded Sulphurs, Melissa Blues, and Field Crescents along with Variegated Fritillaries. As has been pointed out before in 2011, the area was extremely dry all summer causing fewer adult butterflies to emerge. While June-August precipitation in Boulder was slightly above average, hot dry conditions from late July through early September contributed to desiccation of plants in this area (NIST, 2011). By 2011 the former prairie dog barrens are filling in with many blossoming plants, and good stands of Little Bluestem.

Table XI. Southeast Buffer

Southeast Buffer	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
# of Species identified during each season in	23	20	21	24	19
Southeast Buffer	23	20	21	21	17
Cumulative # Species sighted in Southeast	23	23	22	37	41
Buffer for years 2007-2011	23	23	33	31	41
# Research Hours on Site	10.5	21	9	8	11.5
# Individual Butterflies	290	373	353	443	159
# Individuals / Research Hour	23	19	39	40	14
#Species / Research Hour	2.2	1.0	2.3	3.0	1.7

Graphs for Table XI. Southeast Buffer





2. Anne U. White is narrow and deep with well covered ponderosa pine and Douglas-fir slopes, a small stream and a few meadows. Its Fourmile Canyon Trail is fairly well-preserved except for traffic (dogs, runners and hikers) which has increased over the years.

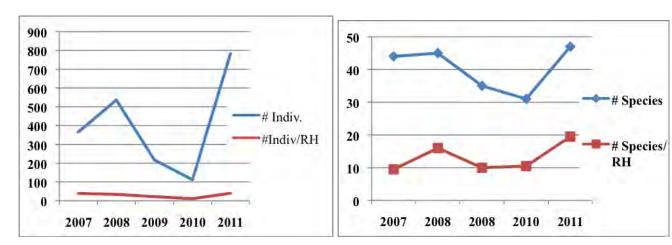
In 2010 there was a heavy late snowfall with 12" of snowpack on the slippery trail March 20 leaving a short season for the butterflies. Some of the bare ground patches continued to be exposed on the social off-trails. June 16 there were 16 dog-walkers and 2 off-leash dogs. By July 27 the fritillaries were numerous and nectaring on the Monarda blossoms.

In 2011, late spring rich vegetation and optimal weather conditions were conducive to butterfly life cycles resulting in the highest numbers of individuals, species and I/RH. Butterflies were numerous and active in June with much nectaring and many blossoms evident. Four species of Swallowtails and Common Ringlets were flying above the trail. A five-foot flood from the Fourmile Fire runoff tore the favorite nectar plant Bee Balm away and covered these with sand. In addition, the trail was closed for one month following the flood July 19 when no hikers or dogs were allowed providing, undisturbed conditions except for a repair crew. Fritillaries were left to nectar on goldenrod, a poor substitute nectar plant.

Table XII. Anne U. White – Fourmile Canyon

Anne U. White Fourmile Canyon	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
# of Species identified annually in Anne U. White	44	45	35	31	47
Cumulative # Species sighted in Anne U. White 2007-2011	47	66	69	69	75
Research Hours on Site	9.5	16	10	10.5	19.5
# Individual Butterflies Counted	366	536	217	112	773
# Individuals / Research Hour (I/RH)	38.5	33.5	21.7	10.7	40
# Species / Research Hour	4.6	2.8	3.5	3.0	2.4

Graphs for Table XII. Anne U. White

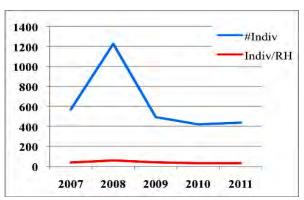


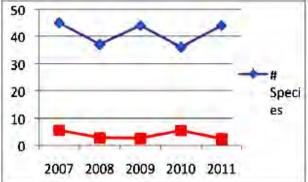
- **3. Heil Valley Ranch Open Space** has diverse habitats with intermittent streams, wetlands, meadows, Ponderosa and Douglas-fir forests, and old disturbed sandstone quarries. The Overland Fire Burned nearly 2,000 of the 5,000 acres. Heil is our largest survey property prompting us to inventory in three divergent areas: 3a) Geer Watershed, 3b) Plumely Canyon and 3c) Heil North Red Hill and Gulch and North Point.
- 3a. Geer Watershed begins at the gate to the manager's cabin, following the stream past the barn where it divides into two forks. One fork veers northwest through fields and into exposed sandstone; the other follows the west stream where Ponderosa Pine and Douglas-fir remain on the burned-over and recovered slope with the Big Meadow higher to the west. Geer had the greatest number of I/RH and species seen at Heil; more than either Plumely Canyon or North Heil. 55 of the 87 previously observed species were observed in 2008. The only recorded ecological difference between Geer and the other two areas is the Overland Fire of 2003 which affected the Geer Watershed and not Plumely or North. Perhaps the optimum moisture fell in Geer in 2008. No trend is obvious in this watershed. The high numbers of individuals in 2008 skewed the results because Mike Sportiello covered about twice the amount of land and doubled the number of days. Discounting his observations the number of individuals would be about 530*, which fits more reasonably into the long-term data.

Table. Heil Valley - Geer Watershed

Heil-Geer Watershed	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
# of species Identiified annually in Heil-Geer	42	56	44	49	36
Cumulative # of Species Sighted in Heil-Geer	81	87	90	91	91
Research Hours at Site	15.5	21	12.5	14	14
# Individual Butterflies Counted	569	1225	492	419	436
# Individuals / Research Hour	37	58	39	30	31
# Species / Research Hour	2.7	2.7	3.5	3.5	2.6

Graphs for Table XIII. Heil Valley - Geer Watershed



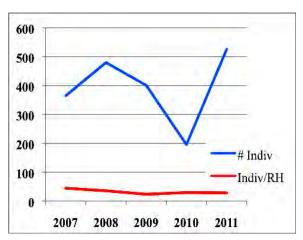


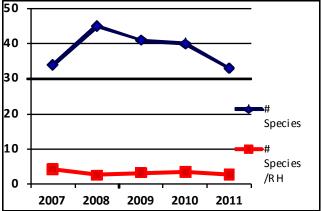
3b. Plumely Canyon begins inside the locked gate on the west side of the service road and continues past sandstone quarries to the high meadow beyond the old stone cabin. Plumely seems to have what might be noted as _normal fluctuations'. Noticeable during 2005, were the Painted Ladies which flew in streams of black and orange. This massive southern immigration has not recurred yet, but likely will in the future. The year 2011 had optimal conditions for the summer emergent butterflies.

Table XIV. Heil Valley - Plumely Canyon

Heil Valley-Plumely Canyon	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
# of Species Identified During Each Year	45	37	44	36	44
in Plumely Canyon					
Cumulative # Species 2009-2011 sighted	81	81	82	84	86
in Plumely Canyon					
Research Hours on Site	8	13	17	6.5	18
# Individual Butterflies Counted	365	480	401	196	526
# Individuals / Research Hour	45	36	24	30	29
# Species / Research Hour	5.6	2.8	2.6	5.5	2.4

Graphs for Heil Valley - Plumely Canyon



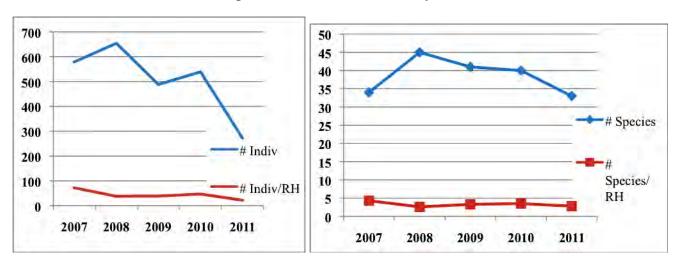


3c. Heil Valley-North includes the North Point property beginning west of Hygiene Road and Hwy 36, to the west ridge top, Red Hill meadow and saddle, and the Red Gulch at the bottom of the ravine paralleling the Picture Rock Trail. Relatively high numbers of butterflies seen during 2008 resulted from significant flights of Cabbage White during each visit; Silvery Blues on May 18; Aphrodite Fritillaries, June 29; and Hackberry Emperors July 22. In 2011, this area appeared particularly dry during March, early April, and late July through early September when the official Boulder weather station reported significantly below average precipitation. (National Institute of Standards, 2011). These relatively dry periods may have accounted for the three unusually low counts.

Table XV. Heil Valley – North

Heil Valley-North Point,					
Red Hill, Red Gulch	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
# of Species Identified During Year in	2.4	45	41	40	22
Heil-North	34	43	41	40	33
Cumulative # Species 2007-2011 sighted		67	77	81	83
in Heil-North		07	/ /	81	83
Research Hours on Site	8	17	12.5	11.5	12
# Individual Butterflies Counted	579	654	488	539	260
# Individuals / Research Hour	72	38	39	47	21.5
# Species / Research Hour	4.3	2.6	3.3	3.5	2.8

Graph for Table XV. Heil Valley - North



4. Walker Ranch. We have surveyed butterflies at Walker Ranch since 2005. Our survey route follows the Meyer's Homestead Trail to the northwest. We generally diverge from the road into the meadows and also follow the nearby Meyer's Gulch streamlet.

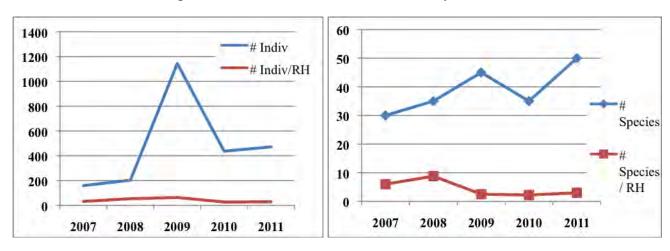
In 2009 there was an extremely high emergence of the Rocky Mountain Dotted-Blue between June 22 and July 9. The puddles on the road were filled with many Dotted-Blues and Boisduval's Blues, Field Crescents and Common Ringlets. The extreme opposite situation showed in 2010 when we saw not one Dotted-blue, Boisduval's Blue, Field Crescent or one Common Ringlet during June and August. Perhaps we missed their flights in July, but the extreme difference must be noted. In 2011 the numbers of species was high, yet the ground was very dry; the roadway had no wet mud for puddling butterflies, so the team followed the streamlet more closely.

Table XVI. Walker Ranch – Meyer's Gulch

Walker Ranch Meyer's Gulch		2008	2009	2010	2011
# Species Identified during 2011in Meyer's Gulch	30	35	45	35	50
# Species Sighted in Meyer's Gulch 2007-2011	33*	38	60	70	72
# Research Hours on Site	5	4	18	16	16.5
# Individual Butterflies Counted	160	203	1144	437	472
# Individuals / Research Hour	32	54	64	27	29
# Species / Research Hour	6.0	8.8	2.5	2.2	3.0

^{* #} of Species was combined with nearby areas

Graph for Table XVI. Walker Ranch – Meyer's Gulch



5. Caribou Ranch and Mud Lake. We begin our Mud Lake surveys in June, after the snow melts. The most productive area is the shallow depression near the western border and adjacent to the Peak to Peak Highway, CO Hwy 72, which leads to a small aspen bog, but most of the area around the lake is surveyed.

Once the closure is lifted in Caribou on July 1 we walk the trail from the parking lot or park inside the locked gate and work our way along the east boundary toward a boggy area. The road toward the Delonde home is productive where the water seeps onto the gravel. The Blue Bird Loop leads us to the highest point near the Blue Bird Mine. Survey occurs along the _horse trail' through the Monarda Meadow where invasive Ox-eye Daisies have been hand-picked for years. Large game birthing closures continue to stave off research until July of each year.

Table XVII. Caribou Ranch and Mud Lake

Walker Ranch Meyer's Gulch		2008	2009	2010	2011
# of Species Identified					
during July and August, annually	48	48	40	20	46
in Caribou Ranch and Mud Lake					
# of Species Sighted in Caribou/Mud 2007-2011	75	75	80	80	81
# of Research Hours on Site	10	12	8.5	6	12.5
# of Individual Butterflies Counted	358	647	278	145	488
# Individuals / Research Hour	36	54	33	24	39
# Species / Research Hour	4.8	4.0	4.7	3.3	3.7

#Indiv Indiv/RH Species Species /RH

Graph for Table XVII. Caribou Ranch and Mud Lake

6. Rabbit Mountain – Insufficient information was gathered for Rabbit Mountain, so analysis cannot be made.

B. I/RH and Species/RH for Major Butterflies

We realize that five years' records form a short time period from which to draw conclusions and do not necessarily represent a long-term trend. But I must ask, is there a trend shown by these inventories of butterflies within Boulder County Open Spaces? To determine this, I chose butterflies with the largest populations for the years 2004-2007 which are more likely to be statistically worthy and most likely to show a trend. (Chu, J and Sportiello, 2007. p. 22-23). The Individuals per Research Hour (I/RH) were determined for each of the recent five years. The grand totals are displayed in the graph on page 69.

1.		2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
Southeast Buffer	Research Hours on Site	10.5	21	9	8	11.5
Scientific Name	Common Name					
Pontia protodice	Checkered White	4.09	4.24	1.22	1.25	0.09
Pieris rapae	Cabbage White	0.06	0.29	1.78	0	0
Euptoieta claudia	Variegated Fritillary	7.24	0.76	14.33	11.38	2.26
Colias philodice	Clouded Sulphur	1.81	1.10	1.56	5.63	0.61
Sub-total		13.20	6.39	18.89	18.26	2.96

2.		2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
Anne U. White	Research Hours on Site	9.5	16	10	10.5	19.5
Scientific Name	Common Name					
Papilio rutulus	W. Tiger Swallowtail	3.05	0.75	0.70	0.38	0.62
Pieris rapae	Cabbage White	2.00	1.63	0.90	0.86	1.38
Euphyes vestris	Dun Skipper	0.84	1.50	1.50	1.24	1.49
Euptoieta claudia	Variegated Fritillary	0.53	0	0.10	0.29	0.05
Polygonia gracilis zephyrus	Hoary Comma	0.84	0.88	1.90	2.10	1.54
Coenonympha tullia ochracea	Common (Ochre) Ringlet	0.53	0.06	0.50	0.19	0.62
Sub-total		7.79	4.82	5.60	5.06	5.70
3a.		2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
Heil Ranch –	Research Hours on	15.5	21	12.5	14	14
Geer Watershed	Site					
Scientific Name	Common Name					
Pieris rapae	Cabbage White	5.79	4.81	2.16	2.23	6.14
Plebejus icarioides	Boisduval's Blue	5.03	1.20	1.12	0.71	0.14
Vanessa cardui	Painted Lady	0.39	2.48	0.64	0.50	0
Coenonympha tullia ochracea	Common (Ochre) Ringlet	4.32	3.71	6.56	2.43	4.00
Phyciodes pulchella	Field Crescent	0.32	0.52	1.20	0.21	0
Sub-total		15.85	12.72	11.68	6.04	10.28
3b.		2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
Heil Ranch –	Research Hours on					
Plumely Canyon	Site	8	13	17	6.5	18
Scientific Name	Common Name					
Vanessa cardui	Painted Lady	0.25	0.92	0.29	2.62	0
Pieris rapae	Cabbage White	1.13	1.38	0.82	0.92	0.44
Speyeria aphrodite	Aphrodite Fritillary	0.89	8.77	0.80	0.77	11.67
Hesperia colorado	Common Branded Skipper	0	0.31	0	0	0
Phyciodes pulchella	Field Crescent	0.50	0.46	0.59	0	0
Callophrys eryphon	Western Pine Elfin	0.50	0.23	2.47	2.61	2.22
Euphyes vestris	Dun Skipper	1.13	1.62	0.53	0.92	0.44
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Sub-total

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3c.		2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
Heil Ranch – North, Red	Research Hours on					10
Hill	Site	8	17	12.5	11.5	12
Scientific Name	Common Name					
Coenonympha tullia	Common (Ochre)	15.13	1.88	2.96	3.83	2.33
ochracea	Ringlet					
Caronanis nagala	Common Wood-	8.38	0.94	0	0	1.42
Cercyonis pegala	nymph					
Colias philodice	Clouded Sulphur	7.88	2.12	1.04	2.00	0.25
Speyeria aphrodite	Aphrodite Fritillary	4.75	2.59	0.56	2.09	1.00
Plebejus melissa	Melissa Blue	4.13	0.29	0.72	0.70	1.00
Sub-total		40.27	7.82	5.28	8.62	6.00
4.		2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
Walker Ranch –	Research Hours on	5	4	18	16	16.5
Meyer's Gulch	Site	3	7	10	10	10.5
Scientific Name	Common Name					
Parnassian smintheus	Rocky Mt.	1.60	8.50	1.28	0.06	0.48
	Parnassian					
Papilio eurymedon	Pale Swallowtail	1.00	1.25	0.22	0.06	0.36
Callophrys affinis	Canyon Bramble	1.60	1.50	1.94	0.69	1.15
homoperplexa	Hairstreak					
Glaucopsyche lygdamus	Silvery Blue	1.00	0.25	0.11	1.25	0.24
Euphilotes ancilla	Rocky Mt. Dotted- Blue	2.00	6.75	31.39	0	2.67
Coenonympha tullia	Common (Ochre)	7.00	5.75	5.30	0	2.97
ochracea	Ringlet					
Oeneis uhleri	Uhler's Arctic	1.60	0.25	0	0	0.96
Sub-total		15.8	24.25	40.27	2.06	8.84
5.		2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
Caribou Ranch,	Research Hours on	10	12	8.5	6	12.5
Mud Lake	Site	10	12	0.5	U	12.5
Scientific Name	Common Name					
Coenonympha tullia ochracea	Common (Ochre) Ringlet	4.70	6.75	3.76	0	8.96
Colina alongudur	Queen Alexandra's	2.60	5.08	5.06	4.83	0.24
Colias alexandra	Sulphur					
Vanessa cardui	Painted Lady	0.10	0.58	0.12	0.17	0.08
Cercyonis oetus	Small Wood-nymph	3.20	4.25	0.71	9.83	2.08
Plebejus icarioides	Boisduval's Blue	1.70	2.75	1.18	0	0.16
Erebia epipsodea	Common Alpine	2.40	1.08	2.00	0	0.96

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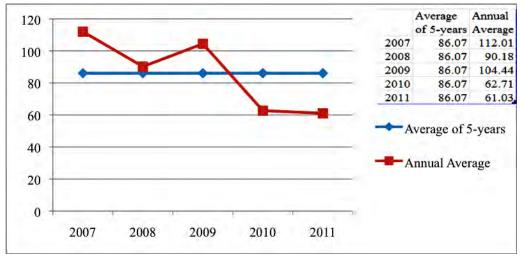
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C. Annual I/RH - Totals for Major Butterflies is charted for five years for each of the seven study main areas. Further, averaging the five totals gives a baseline representing a five-year average on the following graph. The Annual Average I/RH is plotted against this baseline.

Table XVIII. Annual I/RH - Totals for Major Butterflies

	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
1. SE	13.20	6.39	18.89	18.26	2.96
2. Anne	7.79	4.82	5.60	5.06	5.70
3. Geer	15.85	12.72	11.68	6.04	10.28
4. Plumely	4.40	13.69	9.89	7.84	14.77
5. North	40.27	7.82	5.28	8.62	6.00
6. Walker	15.80	24.25	40.27	2.06	8.84
7. Caribou	14.70	20.49	12.83	14.83	12.48
Totals	112.01	90.18	104.44	62.71	61.03

Table XIX. Five-Year Annual I/RH Totals vs Average I/RH for Major Butterflies

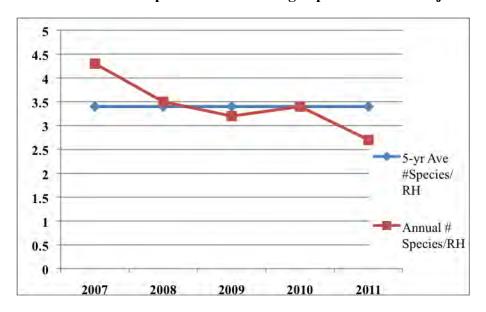


The Annual I/RH for major butterflies shows the greatest numbers in 2007 with 2010 and 2011 having the lowest numbers. 2007 and 2009 were above the five-year average and 2010 and 2011 below.

Table XX. Five-Year Annual Species/RH vs Average Species/RH for Major Butterflies

Species /R H	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
1. Southeast Buffer	2.2	1.0	2.3	3.0	1.7
2. Anne U. White	4.6	2.8	3.5	3.0	2.4
3a. Heil – Geer	2.7	2.7	3.5	3.5	2.6
3b. Heil – Plumely	5.6	2.8	2.6	5.5	2.4
4. Heil – North	4.3	2.6	3.3	3.5	2.8
5. Walker – Meyer's	6.0	8.8	2.5	2.2	3.0
6. Caribou – Mud	4.8	4.0	4.7	3.3	3.7
Ave. Species/RH	4.3	3.5	3.2	3.4	2.7

Graph of Five-Year Annual Species/RH vs Average Species/RH for Major Butterflies



Numbers of species/RH for the major butterflies were highest in 2007 and show a nearly continuous falling number. In 2007 the species/RH were higher than the average 3.4 with lower than average results in 2009 and 2011.

Indeed there does seem to be an overall trend with the populations and species numbers of butterflies dropping. However, five years is not a long enough period to actually determine a trend. Many more years of research, like that being carried out by Rich Bray in Rocky Mountain National Park for 15 years, or Art Shapiro for 34 years in California, are determining a statistically significant trend. —Butterfly diversity (the number of different species present) is falling fast at all the sites near sea level, in the central valley, and the foothills. It is also declining, but more slowly, in the mountains. Another surprising finding was that ruderal

(-weedy") butterfly species that breed on -weedy" plants in disturbed habitats and are highly mobile are actually declining faster than -non-weedy" species — those that specialize in one habitat type." (Forister, Shapiro, 2011)

Overall year-to-year averages for all of the properties should indicate some factors that affect the properties equally such as periods of drought, cold wet springs. Colonization of the low-medium elevations along the Colorado Front Range by the caterpillar predating European Paper Wasp, *Polistes dominula*, has been observed to have a severe negative effect on local butterfly populations, but this has not been quantified and no management solution is known according to entomologists at Colorado State University. Other factors affecting populations are invasive weeds, fire succession, and parasite levels.

Is it the relationship with the precipitation that has caused this trend? The amount of precipitation for March through August for Boulder was determined, and plotted against the annual average I/RH.

Precip vs I/RH 200 Precip I/RH 8.72 112.01 100 11.45 90.18 15.3 104.44 16.38 62.71 0 13.2 61.03 I/RH 5 10 15 20

Table XXI. Precipitation vs. I/RH for Boulder

Even though the weather is very significant in influencing the populations, there is not a direct relationship between the precipitation for March through August and annual totals. Rather the national weather south of Colorado was a large influence. In 2011, so many of the immigrant butterflies did not make an appearance likely due to the hazardous crossing without nectar or host plants, through Texas which had raging fires, the second hottest temperatures and driest conditions ever on record. New Mexico also suffered droughts in 2011 preventing the usual influx of immigrant butterflies.

IX. Conclusions

- 1. During five years of surveys, we documented 123 species of butterflies on Boulder County Open Space properties. We observed 118 in 2011. The official Boulder County list stands at 201; this maintained by the Big Sky Institute, Montana State University (Opler and Lotts). One new species, Fulvia Checkerspot, was caught in the Southeast Buffer. One species, Mylitta Crescent, was misidentified in 2005, so that was removed from the list. Common (Ochre) Ringlets were most numerous (94.2/RH) followed by Variegated Fritillaries (36.9/RH), Cabbage Whites (34.7/RH), Checkered Whites (10.9/RH) and Painted Ladies (9.1/RH).
- 2. From one year to the next I/RH varied, with the highest numbers being observed during 2007 and the lowest numbers during 2011. Considering only the major butterflies we observed 112 I/RH in 2007, and 61 I/RH in 2011. This project's multi-year reports show continued successes of butterfly populations and species, although it is noted that numbers of species and populations decreased during the recent two years.
- 3. Heil Valley supported a higher number of species and individuals than did the other four properties. The variety of plant communities at Heil Valley, along with the presence of seeps and running water throughout much of the summer, probably contribute to butterfly species diversity there. Southeast Buffer supported the lowest number of species and individuals. This area has less acreage, fewer diverse blossoming plants and only a single intermittent stream.
- 4. Cool late spring conditions and dry summer conditions appeared to contribute to lower numbers of species and individuals observed per hour. For example, during spring 2011, March was the fourth least snowy and fifth driest on record. April had 15 days with traces of rainfall and 3" of snow; May began hot and dry, but became exceptionally wet with more than five inches of precipitation falling over a 14-day period. Then the heat of the summer followed with 12 days in the 30 °C range, and August was the fourth warmest on record in Boulder.
- 5. Boulder County Open Space Properties are generally large and uncut by social or public trails providing non-segmented continuous habitat for butterflies and host plants, except Anne U. White Fourmile Trail which is somewhat limiting because of heavy foot traffic. These multi-year records generally reflect excellent habitat vitality in blossoming plants and ground cover.

- 6. No imminent threat is perceived to the rare and resident butterflies because there is very little disturbance in the most productive areas. Rare butterflies, those of special concern are listed by Colorado Natural Heritage Watch List. The rare Hops Azures continue to live in Heil Valley Plumely Canyon and Arogos Skippers in Heil North. In Heil Geer Watershed, Dusted Skippers have been found three times in 2009, and 13 in 2011. Moss' Elfin has been observed in Anne U. White and Heil Valley Plumely Canyon. Ottoe Skipper has been seen on the Southeast Buffer.
- 7. Butterfly inventorying has continued to add data to the natural history records of nine properties. Heil Valley was visited since year 2000, providing ten years of observations; Southeast Buffer, Caribou and Walker Ranches were visited first in 2005, providing seven years data; Anne U. White 2006 for six years; Rabbit Mountain and Steamboat for four years each; Reynold's Ranch for three summers; and for one year only Carolyn Holmberg, Pella Crossing and Hall Ranch. In 2008, the county supported a special project on Benjamin for twenty visits covering 59 research hours.

Conclusions by Area:

- 1. Southeast Buffer can support some short time seasonal grazing, but not continuous use as illustrated by the base of the hills near water tanks next to Rock Creek where the plants are completely gone. It is a fragile prairie with so little moisture. Grasses and blossoming plants show good recovery.
- 2. Anne U. White Fourmile Canyon Trail is used heavily by the public. Dogs and families sometimes move off trail, cut new paths and destroy the lushness of the canyon bottom. The recent flood cut a new streambed which required intervention by the Youth Corps to rebuild some stream banks, crossings and remove downed trees. Conditions following the flood will renew _naturally' as occurs in nature. On the other hand, peoples' off-trail habits are difficult to change.
- **3. Heil Valley** has been well planned and preserved. Butterflies needing meadows have many undisturbed acres.
- **4. Walker Ranch, Meyer's Homestead Trail** is heavily used, but its well worn path makes access convenient. The wetlands should be continued preserved as they are.

- **5. Reynold's Ranch** has special characteristics due to its higher elevation, not found in Caribou and Mud Lake. It is an upper montane property with flowers and butterflies common at higher elevations. In July the flowers, birds and butterflies were outstanding.
- **6. Mud Lake and Caribou Ranch** BCPOS staff and volunteers have continued to rid the land of Oxeye Daisies which compete with native vegetation.
- 7. Rabbit Mountain is an interesting area for butterflies because of its varied habitat.

X. Recommendations by Area:

- **1. Southeast Buffer.** This property seems to be evolving, because of extended Coalton Trail, grazing cattle and prairie dogs, and should be continued as a study area for butterflies.
- **2. Anne U. White**. As this trail is very productive in terms of butterfly diversity and abundance, it is recommended that this trail be maintained in a way that discourages off-trail travel, which impacts the riparian areas and adjacent forest.
- **3**. **Heil Valley Ranch.** Maintain the many meadows from encroaching evergreens. Butterflies find many host plants and blooming flowers in meadows as opposed to cut-timber and dense stands of evergreens.
- **4. Meyer's Homestead Trail on Walker Ranch**. The wet-lands should be continued preserved as they are, as they provide excellent butterfly habitat, as confirmed by out surveys.
- **5. Reynold's Ranch**. Flowers and butterflies are those common at higher elevations and could provide a future educational opportunity. Encourage further baseline research.
- **6.** Caribou Ranch and Mud Lake. Continuation of the attempts to rid the land of Oxeye Daisy is encouraged, as this invasive species out-competes native plants important for butterfly foraging and reproduction.
- 7. **Rabbit Mountain.** Continue managing the land as is presently done which provides good habitat for certain butterflies, as is shown by finding a species new to our inventories.

8. Steamboat Mountain. Continue managing the land as is presently done which provides good habitat for certain butterflies.

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Appendices

Appendix A. Butterflies We Observed During Surveys - 2004-2011

Parnassian and Swallowtails	Papilionidae Family
Parnassian, Rocky Mountain	Parnassius smintheus
Swallowtail, Black	Papilio polyxenes
Swallowtail, Anise	P. zelicaon
Swallowtail, Short-tailed	P. indra
Swallowtail, Western Tiger	P. rutulus
Swallowtail, Pale	
Swallowtail, Two-tailed	
Whites and Sulphurs	
Sulphur, Lyside	
Sulphur, Dainty	·
Sulphur, Mexican	
Orange, Sleepy	
Sulphur, Clouded	* *
Sulphur, Orange	<u>*</u>
Sulphur, Queen Alexandra's	
Dogface, Southern	
Sulphur, Cloudless (Eastern)	
Orangetip, Julia (S. Rocky Mtn)	
Marble, Large	v ·
Marble, Olympia	
White, Pine	* *
White, Mustard	Pieris marginalis
White, Cabbage	P. rapae
White, Checkered	Pontia protodice
White, Western	P. occidentalis
White, Spring	P. sisymbrii
Coppers, Hairstreaks, Blues	
Copper, Gray	•
Copper, Ruddy	L. rubidus
Copper, Blue	L. heteronea
Copper, Purplish	L. helloides
Hairstreak, Behr's	
Hairstreak, Coral	S. titus
Hairstreak, Striped	S. liparops
Hairstreak, Hedgerow	
Hairstreak, Canyon Bramble	Callophrys affinis homoperplexa
Hairstreak, White-lined Green	
Hairstreak, Siva Juniper	C. gyrneus siva
Hairstreak, Thicket	
Elfin, Brown	•
Elfin, Moss'	

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Elfin, Hoary	C. polios
Elfin, Western Pine	
Hairstreak, Gray	
Blue, Marine	•
Tailed-Blue, Western	-
Azure, Echo (Spring)	
Azure, Hops	
Dotted-Blue, Rocky Mountain	
Blue, Arrowhead	=
Blue, Silvery	
Blue, Reakirt's	
Blue, Melissa	•
Blue, Greenish	P. saepiolus
Blue, Boisduval's	P. icarioides
Blue, Lupine	P. lupini lutzi
Blue, Arctic	P. glandon rustica
Metalmarks	Riodinidae
Metalmark, Nais	Apodemia nais
Brushfoots	Nymphalidae
Snout, American	Libytheana carinenta
Monarch	
Admiral, Weidemeyer's	Limenitis weidemeyerii
Fritillary, Gulf	Agraulis vanillae
Fritillary, Variegated	•
Fritillary, Silver-bordered	Boloria selene
Fritillary, Aphrodite	Speyeria aphrodite
Fritillary, Edwards'	
Fritillary, Coronis	
Fritillary, Callippe	S. callippe
Fritillary, Northwestern	•
Fritillary, Mormon	
Emperor, Hackberry	
Lady, American	_
Lady, Painted	
Admiral, Red	
Tortoiseshell, Milbert's	
Tortoiseshell, California	
Cloak, Mourning	
Comma, Satyr	
Comma, Hoary	•
Comma, Green	
Buckeye, Common	Junonia coenia

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Checker	spot, Variable	Euphydryas anicia
	spot, Arachne	_ :
	spot, Fulvia	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
	spot, Silvery	• •
	spot, Gorgone	· ·
	spot, Northern	
	, Pale	-
Crescent	t, Pearl	P. tharos
Crescent	t, Northern	P. cocyta
Crescent	t, Field	P. pulchella
Ringlet,	Common (Ochre)	Coenonympha tullia ochracea
Wood-N	lymph, Common	Cercyonis pegala
Wood-N	ymph, Small	C. oetus
	Common	
Arctic, C	Chryxus	Oeneis chryxus
Arctic, U	Jhler's	O. uhleri
Skippers		Hesperiidae
Skipper,	Silver-spotted	Epargyreus clarus
Cloudyv	ving, Northern	Thorybes pylades
Sootywi	ng, Common	Pholisora catullus
Duskyw	ing, Dreamy	Erynnis icelus
Duskyw	ing, Pacuvius	E. pacuvius
Duskyw	ing, Afranius	E. afranius
Duskyw	ing, Persius	E. persius
Checker	ed-skipper, Common	Pyrgus communis
	ing, Russet	
Skipperl	ing, Garita	Oarisma garita
Skipper,	Uncas	Hesperia uncas
11 /	Juba	v
	Western Branded	
	Ottoe	
	Leonard's	
	Pahaska	
	Green	
	Nevada	
	Draco	
	Tawny-edged	
	ısh	
	Arogos	
	Taxiles	
	Woodland	
	Dun	
Skipper,	Dusted	Atrytonopsis hianna

Appendix B. Blooming Plants Observed During Butterfly Surveys

Prairie, Foothills, Montane	
_Pea purple	Astragalus
Alder	.Alnus incana
Alfalfa (medic)	.Medicago sativa
Anemone (pink)	.Anemone multifida
Arnica (lavender)	.Aster laevis
Aster, Golden	.Heterotheca foliosa
Badderpod, Double	Physaria bellii
Bedstraw, Northern	Galium septentrionale
Beeplant, Rocky Mountain	Cleome serrulata
Bindweed	Convolvulus arvese
Bistort	.Bistorta bistortoides
Bitterroot, Pygmy	Oreobroma pygmaea
Blanket Flower	Gaillardia aristata
Bluestem, Big	.Andropogon gerardii
Bluestem, Little	Schizachyrium scoparium
Borage	
Buckbrush	Ceanothus fendleri
Buttercup (yellow, tiny)	Ranunculus sp.
Cactus, Ball	Pediocactus simpsonii
Cactus, Nipple	
Cactus, Prickly Pear	Opuntia sp.
Candytuft	Iberis amara
Catnip	Nepeta cataria
Chamomile	.Anthemis cotula
Cheeseweed	0
Chickory	Cichorium intybus
Chickweed	Stellaria sp.
Chiming Bell	.Mertensia lanceolata
Chokecherry	Padus virginiana
Cinquefoil, Shrubby	Pentaphylloides floribunda
Clover, Prairie	Dalea purpurea
Clover, Red	Trifolium pratense
Clover, Yellow	.Melilotus officinale
Columbine	1 0
Coralroot	
Coralroot	Corallorhiza striata
Cow Parsnip	- · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
Cowboy's Delight	* 1
Currant, Wax	Ribes cereum

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Daisy Fleabane	Erigeron
Daisy, Easter	
Daisy, Oxeye	
Daisy, Spreading	e e
Dandelion	
Dandelion, Wavy-leaf	• •
Death Camus	•
Dogbane	• •
Elephant, Red, Elephantella	ž - *
False boneset	
Filaree, Crane's Bill	•
Fireweed	
Flax, Wild Blue	Adenolinum lewisii
Gayfeather	
Gentian, Bottle (blue)	
Gentian, Green, Monument Plant	
Gentiana (white)	Gentianella strictiflora
Geranium, Fremont's	Geranium caespitosum
Geranium, Richardson's	Geranium richardsonii
Gilia	Ipomopsis aggregata
Globeflower	Trollius albiflorus
Goat's Beard, Salsify	Tragopogon dubius
Golden Aster	Heterotheca villosa
Golden Banner	Thermopsis divaricarpa ?
Golden Smoke	Corydalis curvisiliqua
Goldenglow	Rudbeckia ampla
Goldenrod	Solidago multiradiata
Ground-cherry	Physalis heterophylla
Gumweed	Grindelia squarrosa (subapina)
Harebell, Common	Campanula rotundiflora
Hawthorne	Crataegus erythropoda
Hemlock, Poison	Angelica ampla
Holly, Oregon Grape	Mahonia repens
Hops	Humulus lupulus
Horsemint	Monarda fistulosa
Iris, Wild	Iris missouriensis
Knapweed	
Lamb's Quarters.	
Larkspur	
Leafy wild parsley	
Lettuce, Prickly	Lactuca serriola

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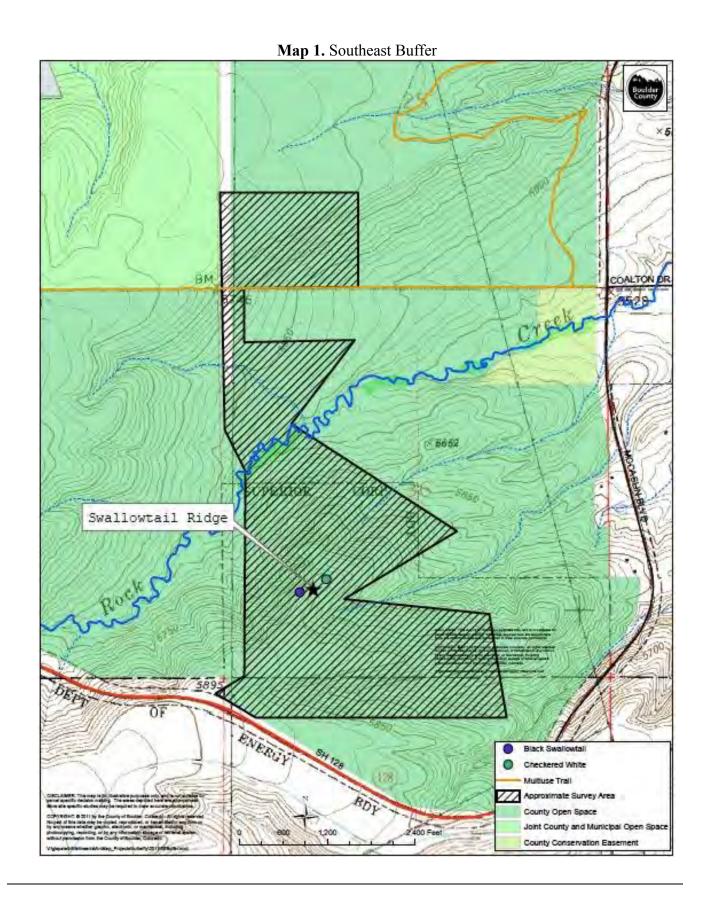
Lilac	Svringa vulgaris
Lily, Mariposa	, 0
Lily, Sand	
Lily, Wood	
Loco, Lambert's	
Meadowrue	* *
Mexican Hat, Coneflower	· ·
Milk Vetch (purple)	v
Miner's Candle	· ·
Mint (purple)	
Mouse-ear	*
Mullein	
Mullein, Moth	*
Mustard, Jim Hill	
Mustard, Tower	•
Nettles, Stinging.	e e e e e e e e e e e e e e e e e e e
Nightshade (dark purple)	
Ninebark	
Onion, Geyer	, ,
Onion, Nodding	= :
,	Limnorchis stricta ?or hyperborean?
Paintbrush, Indian	* *
Paintbrush, Indian	
Paintbrush, Indian	
Parsley, Mountain	
Parsley, Whiskbroom	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
Pasque flower	
Penstemon, Beard-tongue, Low	
Penstemon, One-sided	
Phlox	Phlox sp.
Plantain	Plantagon major
Plum, Wild	Prunus americana
Poppy, Prickly	Argemone polyanthemos
Prairie Smoke, Avens	
Primrose, Common Evening	
Primrose, Evening	Oenothera howardii
Puccoon	
Pussytoes, Pink or White	Antennaria sp.
Ragwort	-
Raspberry, Boulder	Oreobatus deliciosus
Rose, Wild	

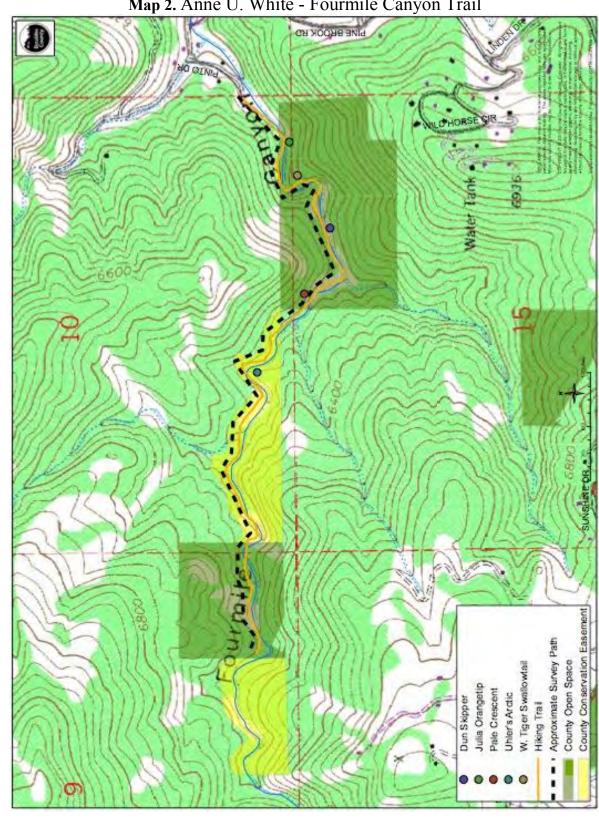
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Rough White aster	e v
Salt & Pepper	
Sandwort	1.0
Sedge	-
Senecio	Senecio sp.
Shootingstar	Dodecatheon pulchellum
Skull Cap	Scutellaria galericulata
Skunkbush	Rhus aromatica ssp. trilobata
Smartweed	Persicaria pensylvanica
Snakeweed	Gutierrezia sarothrae
Snowberry	Symphoricarpos occidentalis
Soloman Seal, False	Maianthemum sp.
Spiderwort, Blue Flag	Tradescantia occidentalis
Spring Beauty	
Spurge	
St. Johnswort	
Stargrass, yellow(lily) 1.4"upright	
Stonecrop	
Strawberry	
Sulfur-flower	
Sunflower	ě
Sunflower	1
Susan, Black-eyed	4
Sweetclover	
Thistle, Bull.	
Thistle, Canada	e
Toadflax, Dalmation	
Vervain	
Vervain, blue	* v
Vetch, Blue	
Vetch, Milk	<u>-</u>
Violet (purple, Caribou)	
Violet, Canada	<u>*</u>
Violet, Nuttall's	
Wallflower	
Watercress	· •
Waterleaf	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •
Waxflower	
Whiteton	
Whitetop	
Willow	-
Wood Sorrel	
Yarrow	
Yucca	Yucca giauca

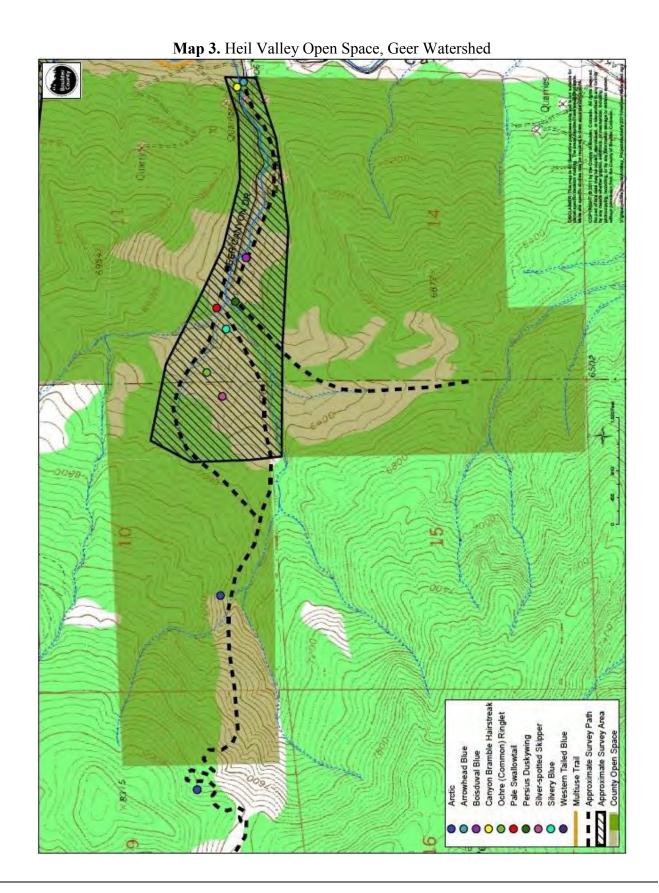
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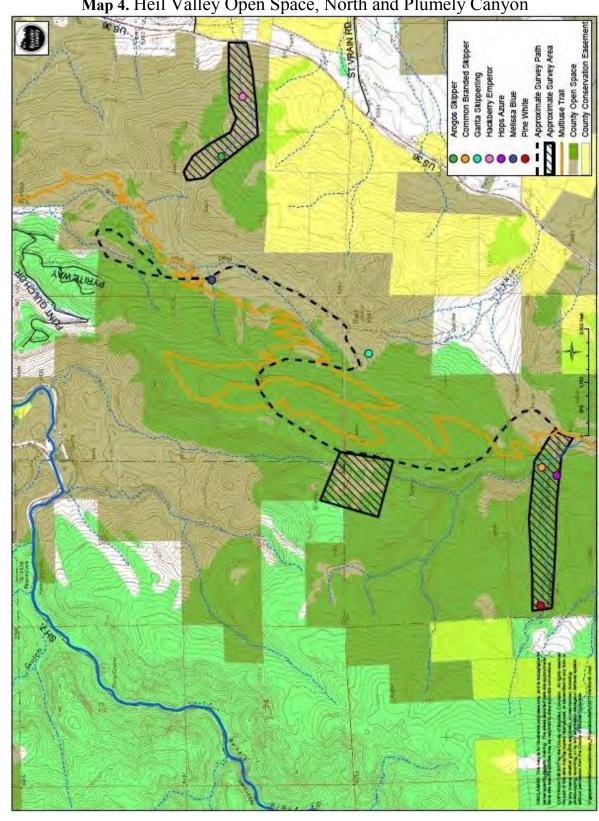
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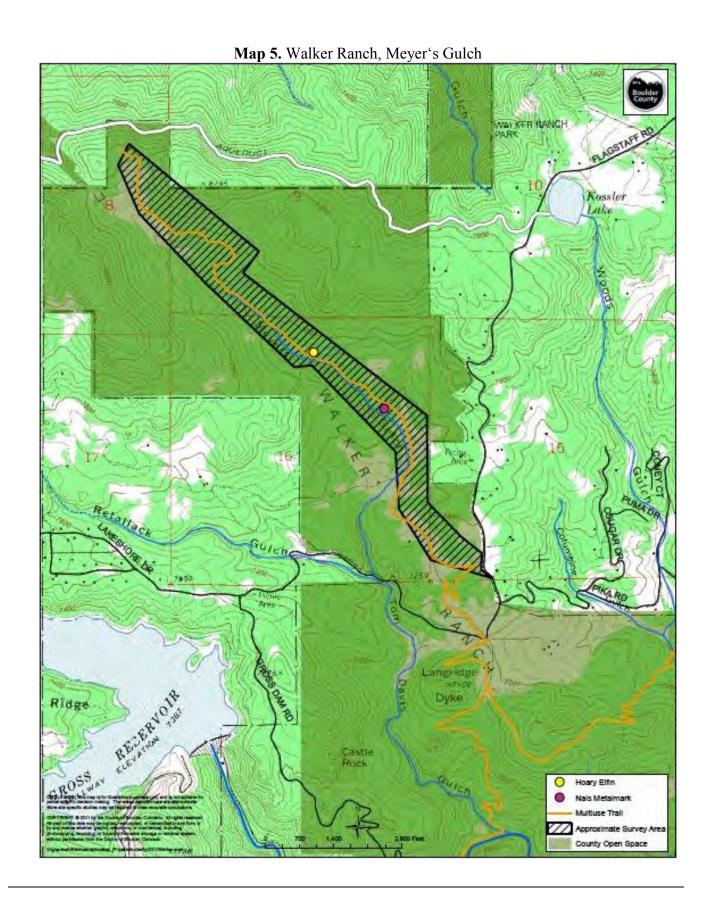


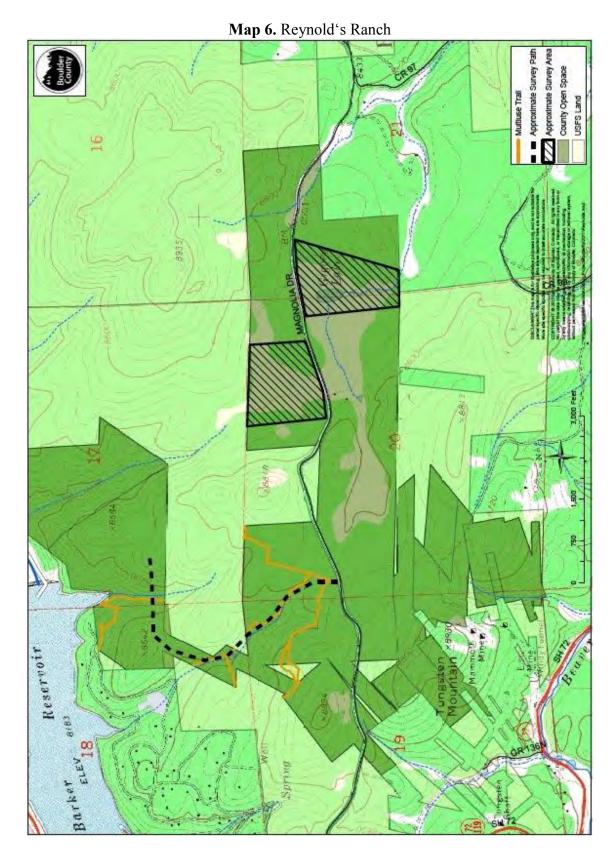
Map 2. Anne U. White - Fourmile Canyon Trail





Map 4. Heil Valley Open Space, North and Plumely Canyon

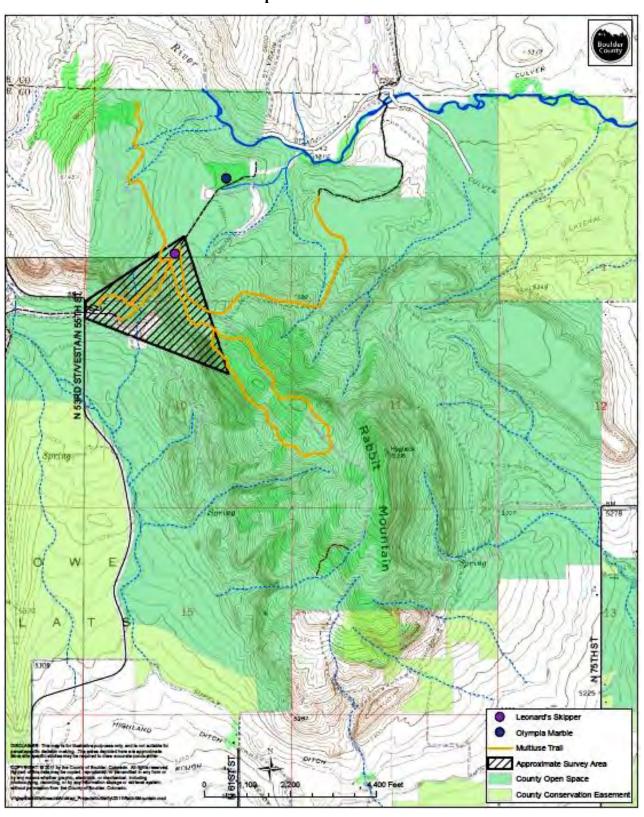




Monarda Meadow

Map 7. Caribou Ranch and Mud Lake

Map 8. Rabbit Mountain



Map 9. Steamboat Mountain

