

WEST OF TWIN PEAKS

SPECIES: GREEN HAIRSTREAK



GREEN HAIRSTREAK – *Callophrys viridis*

Emeralds in the sky!

If you are lucky enough to see the Green Hairstreak (*Callophrys viridis*) during its spring flight, February through May, you will never forget it! These iridescent green, nickel-sized butterflies dart madly about in search of mates and plants on which to lay their eggs. This butterfly once flew with the now extinct Xerces Blue (*Glaucopsyche xerces*) throughout the San Francisco dunes. Green Hairstreaks still fly in the Inner Sunset neighborhood the Presidio bluffs. Neighborhood residents and schoolchildren started planting upland dune habitat to support the butterfly, and since 2008, the population has increased exponentially!

RESIDENT OR MIGRATORY

Resident

DIET

Caterpillars hosts – *Eriogonum latifolium* (coast buckwheat) and occasionally deerweed (*Lotus scoparius*) and others. Adults feed on flower nectar.

ASSOCIATED PLANTS & ANIMALS

Coast Buckwheat – *Eriogonum latifolium*, Seaside Daisy – *Erigeron glaucus*, Sea Thrift – *Armeria maritima* var. *californica*, Coast Strawberry – *Fragaria chiloensis*

NESTING INFORMATION

Eggs are laid under leaves and on flower buds.

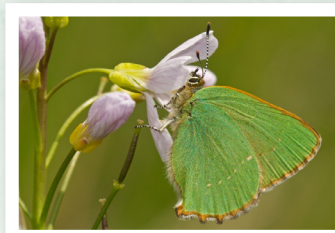
ADDITIONAL HABITAT PLANTS

http://natureinthecity.org/GH_Plants.pdf



ROUTE HIGHLIGHTS

- » The Presidio, Irving Street Commercial District, Judah Street Commercial District, UCSF, 15th Avenue Steps Park, Grand View Park, Rocky Outcrop Park, Golden Gate Heights Park, Hawk Hill Park, West Portal Commercial District



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