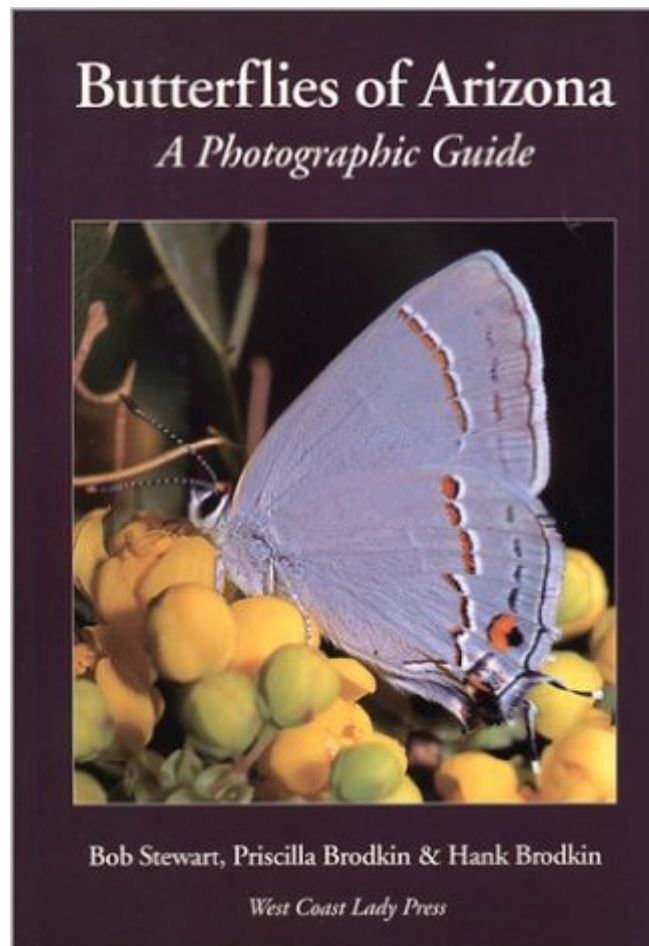


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# Butterflies Of Arizona: A Photographic Guide



## Synopsis

This book discusses all 331 species of butterfly seen in Arizona. It is illustrated 557 full, half and quarter page photographs taken under natural conditions by the authors and several other professional insect photographers. Opposite each photograph is essential information that includes key field marks, time of year the adult flies, caterpillar food plant, range and habitat in Arizona and pertinent biological and behavioral notes. There is an extensive food plant list edited by botanists Richard Felger and Michael Wilson.

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## Customer Reviews

A useful book covering the butterflies of Arizona. It is about the same physical dimensions as the Sibley Guide to Birds - a little large for a field guide, but still manageable. The book is comprised of species descriptions on the left hand side of each facing pair of pages, with beautiful full color photographs of the relevant species on the right hand page. No more flipping between various sections of the book to match text and photos! The species descriptions include distribution within Arizona and general distribution in neighboring states, flight time, description, habitats, host plants and similar species. There is also a small section on larvae, predators, and parasites. This book is quite an achievement, I recommend it wholeheartedly.

I bought this book to give me insight into how to help the Monarch population increase and to provide a "Monarch Station" for their migration. I got more than that. I learned about nectar vs. host plants for my Butterfly Garden and how to identify the many types of butterflies enjoying it. I'm still

not entirely sure whether I've seen a Monarch or a Queen butterfly, but I'm enjoying the ambiguity. A great book for beginners, and probably veteran butterfly enthusiasts, as well.

This is an absolutely marvelous work on the Butterflies of Arizona, and undoubtedly one of the finest state field guides ever created. Includes a topography section (map of the basic parts of a butterfly), concise taxonomic list of species with lots of great photos, selected larvae of certain species, selected predators, and a 'Rare Butterflies' section, which covers the rarities that have been discovered primarily in the southeastern corner of the state. One other thing I especially liked was the Appendix of butterflies listed with their respective host plants. A super, must-have addition to any butterfly library!

The photos are of excellent quality. Most of the book is devoted to adult forms with a limited section on some larval forms. An appendix lists plant species that are preferred. The only thing I would add would be some further distribution maps although habitats are given under each species.

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