



UCCE Master Gardener's of Glenn County Newsgram

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Dogface Butterfly

California's state insect is the Dogface Butterfly (*Zerene Eurydice*), so named because of the poodle-like silhouette on the wings of the male. The species only lives in California. UC Davis Butterfly expert Art Shapiro has records of sightings in 37 of California's 58 counties, including Glenn County. Despite all the sightings very few people have ever seen one. It is found in riparian habitat in Sacramento Valley, the coast range and in the Sierra Foothills. The butterfly has one known plant host, California False Indigo, *Amorpha californica*. They fly high above the ground, 15'-20', they will come down to ground level to visit California Buckeye, thistles, and blue verbena but don't linger.

More information about the butterfly can be found at the UC Davis, Art Shapiro's Butterfly Site.

<https://butterfly.ucdavis.edu/butterfly/zerene/eurydice>

The UCANR blog, Bug Squad has had recent articles about this butterfly. One blog post reported on the Gates Canyon population. Gates Canyon outside the city of Vacaville burned in 2020. The habitat for the butterfly was burned. Shapiro thinks the habitat and the breeding population of the butterfly could be lost for 20 to 50 years.

A link to the blog posts are found here.

<https://ucanr.edu/blogs/blogcore/postdetail.cfm?postnum=24640>

<https://ucanr.edu/blogs/blogcore/postdetail.cfm?postnum=51360>

California State Insect



Zerene eurydice
California Dogface Butterfly

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An on-line image from imgur.com showing the dog face outline on the wings of the male dogface butterfly.

This image is the Bohart Museum's poster showing the male (top) and female dogface butterfly.



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Master Gardener Business

Monthly Meeting

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday February 23rd. At 1:00 in the office in Orland.

Work day

We have planned a work day in the garden for Thursday February 24th, as long as it is not raining or we are having strong winds. The plan is to put down a layer of cardboard and cover with wood chips. Weed eating will also be necessary.

Master Gardener Training Class

Training for new Master Gardeners has started. Up to 2 people from Glenn County can attend each session to get continuing education hours. In February the presentations are; Feb 8 Propagation and Turf, Feb 15 Home Orchard Management and Feb 22 Plant Pathology. Sign up for the class will be on the clip board with plant clinic sign ups.

Capay Women's Club Presentation

We have a request from the Capay Women's club to give a 20-30 presentation to the group on Tuesday April 5. Michel and Mary Ann have volunteered to contact the group and give the presentation.

February Plant Clinic

Feb 2 Mary Ann, Feb 9 Sheila, Feb 16 Michel and Feb 23 Sue.

Continuing Education

Butte County Master Gardeners have posted a list of the workshops they have planned for spring 2022. They have a variety of subjects covered. For information follow this link.

<https://ucanr.edu/sites/bcmg/Workshops/>