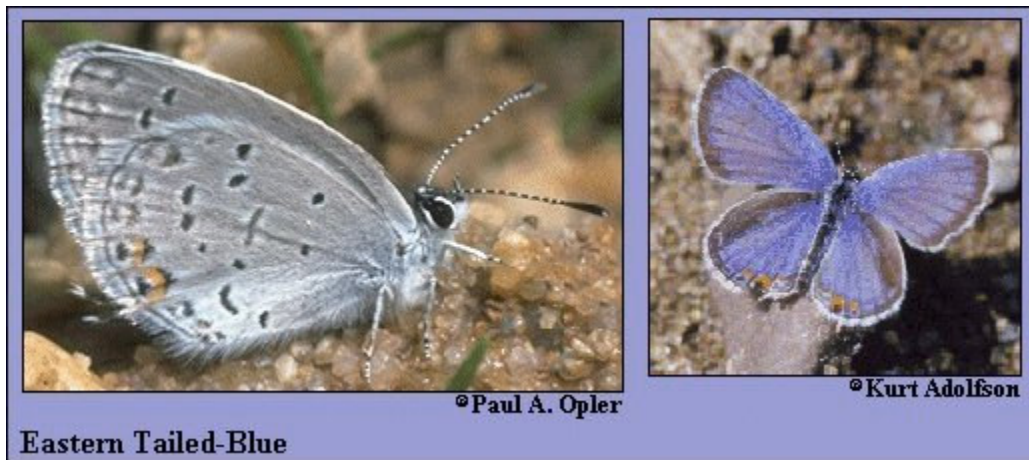


# Eastern Tailed Blue

*Everes comyntas*

-Combining the delicate thready tail of a hairstreak butterfly with the diminutive size and pretty color of the blues, this species is one of the most beautiful butterflies, although it takes a sharp eye to appreciate it. When it closes its wings, a dab of bright orange near the tails will catch your eye. When the male's wings are open, the rich color of its black bordered wings is breathtaking. Females are variable in color and in spring may be deep brown.



Wingspan:

5/8 to 1 inch

Caterpillar hosts:

Many of the host plants for the caterpillar are not necessarily plants that you would want growing in your yard. However, there are a couple that would be nice to grow on trellises, such as Sweet Pea and Trumpet Vine. The majority of these butterfly caterpillars will start their lives in an abandoned field of an old farm.

Adult food:

The adult butterfly has a short proboscis, thus is found at flowers close to the ground which are open or short-tubed. These include White Sweet Clover, Wild Strawberries, Cinquefoils, and certain Asters.