

Greenish Blue

Plebeius saepiolus

-The Greenish Blue is an interesting little butterfly that is easy to confuse with the Karner Blue Butterfly, however the Greenish Blue is more greenish blue. Wow! Butterfly rocket science! Actually the upper-side of the male is iridescent green-blue while the females are brown with blue covering at the wing bases.

-Male Greenish Blues patrol near the host plants, close to the ground. The females lay their eggs are laid in flower buds of clover and then the caterpillars eat the developing flowers. Half grown caterpillars hibernate through the winter and then develop the next year.



Wingspan: 1 to 1 ¼ inches

Caterpillar hosts: Flowers of various clovers, especially Alsike Clover (*Trifolium hybridum*)

Adult foods: Nectar from flower including Clover, Cup-Plant, Oswego Tea, Wild Bergamot, and Black-Eyed Susan.