

Buckeye & Butterfly Beauties Photo by Chris Lewis



One day in May 2010, while standing in my living room, my 2-year-old grandson, Graham pointed out the window and exclaimed, "butterfly!" We dashed to the front yard and found the Western Tiger Swallowtail flitting around the California Buckeye which was in full bloom. Landing

to nectar and posing for this photo op, it gave us an opportunity to admire the butterfly and the blooms. It was a magical moment.

California Buckeye *Aesculus californica* is an important nectar source for butterflies.

<https://www.nativerivival.com/aesculus-californica/>

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