



# Carson Wandering Skipper

- 1** Skippers have smaller bodies and more triangular shaped wings than other butterflies. This has earned them the distinction of being likened to the jet planes of the butterfly world.
- 2** Not only do skippers look like miniature jet planes, they are also the fastest of butterfly families, clocking in at speeds of over 20 mph!
- 3** Adult Carson wandering skippers fly for just a few weeks in the month of June. Adults spend this time nectaring on local flowers, mating, and then laying eggs on saltgrass.

**Status:**  
Endangered

**Habitat:**  
Alkali meadows,  
aka salty  
meadows

**Food:**  
Nectar from Crepis  
and Lotus

**Threats:**  
Development,  
Grazing,  
Nonnative  
invasive plants,  
Small populations

**Needs for  
Recovery:**  
Restore habitat

