

Kern Primrose Sphinx Moth Larvae

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| 1 - Red | 5 - White |
| 2 - Light Green | 6 - Black |
| 3 - Yellow | 7 - Dark Green |
| 4 - Orange | 8 - Light Blue |



Kern Primrose Sphinx Moth Facts

- Scientific Name: *Euproserpinus euterpe*
- Status: Threatened
- Host plant: Evening primrose family (Onagraceae; *Camissonia* species)
- Where they live: Kern County, San Luis Obispo County, Santa Barbara County and Ventura County, CA
- The adult Kern primrose sphinx moth is brown, but the caterpillar is full of color!
- The moth is in the family Sphingidae, which is the same family as tomato hornworms and hummingbird moths.
- When it's ready to make its cocoon, it buries itself in the sand. Sometimes, it can even stay there for years waiting for the right conditions to come out as an adult.
- You might see one of these at Carrizo Plain National Monument from late January to late February.