

Contributors



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received his M.S. from Queen's University in Kingston Ontario (Canada) in Molecular Biology and his Ph.D. in Systematics and Plant/Insect interactions from the University of California at Riverside. His Ph.D. thesis was on the systematics of the *Euphilotes enoptes* and *Euphilotes battoides* complexes and that work resulted in several published papers about this complicated group of butterflies. After receiving his Ph.D., he was a postdoctoral fellow in the Entomology Department at the University of Delaware, where he studied sympatric speciation in treehoppers. Gordon is very interested in conservation and in identifying caterpillars' behaviors and foodplants of western North American butterflies. He has surveyed many of the military bases of southern California for butterflies and other insects.



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Harry Zirlin's fascination with butterflies and other insects dates to his early childhood. He travels extensively in the United States, studying and photographing butterflies. He supports this passion by working as an attorney in the environmental area at the New York law firm of Debevoise & Plimpton.

