

# El Segundo Blue Butterfly Conservancy Recognition 2026

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# ESBBC Mission Statement

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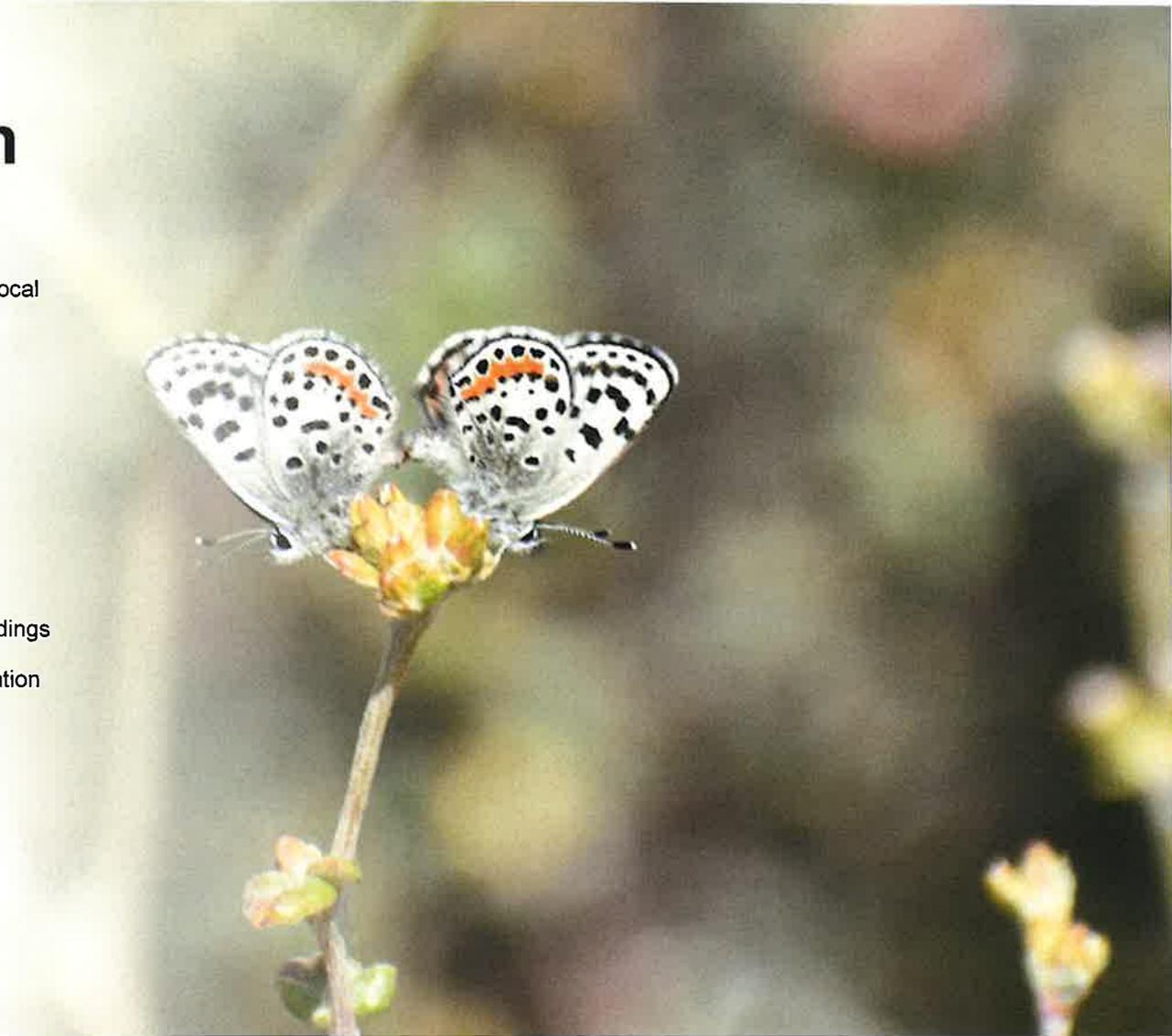
OUR PRIMARY PURPOSE IS TO RESTORE AND MAINTAIN HABITATS TO PROMOTE THE HEALTH AND WELL-BEING OF THE EL SEGUNDO BLUE BUTTERFLY AND OTHER POLLINATORS.



# ESBBC in Action

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- Expanding presence of **Eriogonum parvifolium** in local neighborhoods
- Volunteer-led native planting and hillside habitat maintenance
- Beachside tours during ESBB's active season
- Eagle Scout and youth service projects
- High school internships
- Elementary STEM program participation & book readings
- Native seed collection, propagation, and implementation of local library seed project
- Presence at community events like ArtWalk, Poet Laureate workshops, Farmers Market
- Ongoing outreach to a growing network of 350+ community supporters



# ESBBC/Eagle Scout Project: Jayden Zenaye

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- Completed his Eagle Scout project in dedicated support of the El Segundo Blue Butterfly Conservancy.
- Led a significant hillside weeding effort to remove invasive species and improve habitat conditions.
- Organized and executed native species planting to strengthen the restoration area.
- Delivered an educational presentation highlighting the Conservancy's mission and long-term habitat restoration goals.



# ESBBC/Eagle Scout Project: Colin Boushell

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- Conducted in-depth research on the hillside habitat to support restoration education efforts.
- Designed and created seven educational plant identification signs for native species.
- Helped visitors better understand the ecological importance of native plants within the restoration project.



# ESBBC/Eagle Scout Project: Zachary Cumming

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- Designed and installed a permanent educational kiosk explaining the purpose of the hillside habitat and ongoing restoration work.
- Created a structure that will serve as the future trailhead for a planned walking trail.
- Enhanced visitor engagement by providing clear guidance and educational context for the site.



# ESBBC Interns Sarah Spraggins & Cara King

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- Authored, illustrated and published a children's book focused on the El Segundo Blue Butterfly (with a grant secured from the ES Arts & Culture Committee)
- Expanded community engagement, especially among youth, by making conservation education accessible and inspiring
- Book sales benefit more plantings
- Recognized by Senator Allen



# ESBBC Impact

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- Expanded community awareness of the endangered El Segundo Blue Butterfly and fortified its habitat with over 1,000 new plants
- Strengthened ESBB habitat health through invasive removal and native planting, organizing 25 planting/maintenance days
- Enhanced and engaged civic pride, organizing over 1,500 volunteer hours of manual labor
- Transformed more than 11,000 square feet of hillside into a restored ecosystem and a community learning space, in partnership with ES Recreation & Parks and Eagle Scouts
- Broadened the path of the ESBB by inspiring seacliff buckwheat plantings in over 100 residences and nearly all ESUSD sites

