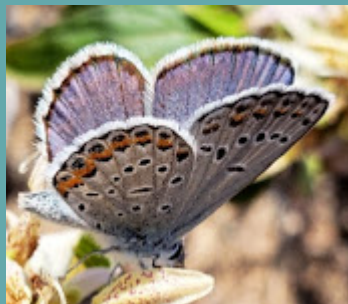


Lupine & the Karner Blue Butterfly

AT SAND VALLEY



KARNER BLUE BUTTERFLY (KBB) - Endangered Species

Orange crescent on underside of BOTH fore & hind wings.

Flights: Late May - Late June & Mid July - Mid August.

One inch wing span.

WILD LUPINE IDENTIFICATION (Pictured Left)

Blooms Mid-May - Mid-June.

Leaves are palmately divided into 7-11 leaflets.

Blue-violet flower, sometimes white.

Seed Pods shaped like typical pea pod.

Wild Lupine is protected because it is the only known plant that the larvae, of the endangered Karner Blue, feed on. Lupine is critical to the survival and expansion of KBB habitat.

Please avoid mowing, spraying, picking, etc of Wild Lupine during its growing, blooming, and seed harvesting seasons. Destroying Lupine, that has the potential of being KBB habitat, is illegal under the Endangered Species Act, which works "to conserve the ecosystem upon which endangered and threatened species depend"

We have a unique opportunity at Sand Valey to be part of the protection and expansion of habitat for not only Karner Blues but all nectar loving insects, birds, bees, & so on.

For more information please visit the Wisconsin DNR Web-page regarding KBB and Lupine.