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NATIVE SPECIES

KARNER BLUE BUTTERFLY

Lycaeides melissa samuelis

BASIC ID Karner blues are distinguished by orange spots on the edge of the underwing. The male is on the left, the female is on the right.

HABITS KBBs feed only on wild lupine growing in prairies and early successional jack pine forests. There are two generations per year. Habitat loss, due to development and farming, caused the Karner blue population to decrease.

MANAGEMENT Karner blues are a federally endangered species. The DNR works with private landowners and supports prairie restoration and forestry practices that benefit the butterflies.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Contact your local DNR Service Center.

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