

Maritime Ringlet Butterfly



Help us save this endangered species!

The Maritime Ringlet butterfly is entirely dependent on the health of salt marshes for its habitat! This butterfly lives in the salt marshes around Chaleur Bay and nowhere else in the world! Important sites are located at Beresford's salt marsh, at the mouth of Peters River, Daly Point, Carron Point and Bass River salt marshes in Bathurst. The loss of these salt marshes could result in extinction of this species! In addition, salt marshes are one of the most productive habitats in the world and are responsible for filtering the pollutants found in rivers, lakes and oceans. Salt marshes stabilize coastal banks, reduce flooding and protect the shores against erosion.

You can help save this species by remembering these tips!

- ✓ ***Never dump fill, garbage or other refuse in salt marshes- it is illegal!***
- ✓ ***Do not drive your truck, ATV or motorcycle in the marsh, dune or on the beach.***
- ✓ ***Do not burn the grass near the marsh and rivers.***
- ✓ ***Plant indigenous species like Beach Grass and Sea-lyme Grass to fight erosion and restore your buffers instead of building artificial structures.***
- ✓ ***Do not pick wild flowers because certain species, like Sea Lavender and Salt-Meadow cordgrass, are essential to the butterfly's survival.***
- ✓ ***Do not use pesticides, including Bacillus thuringiensis (Bt). Bt may be considered a natural pesticide but it is still dangerous to the butterflies' larvae.***
- ✓ ***Do not use chemical fertilizers. Instead use compost and biodegradable products only.***



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