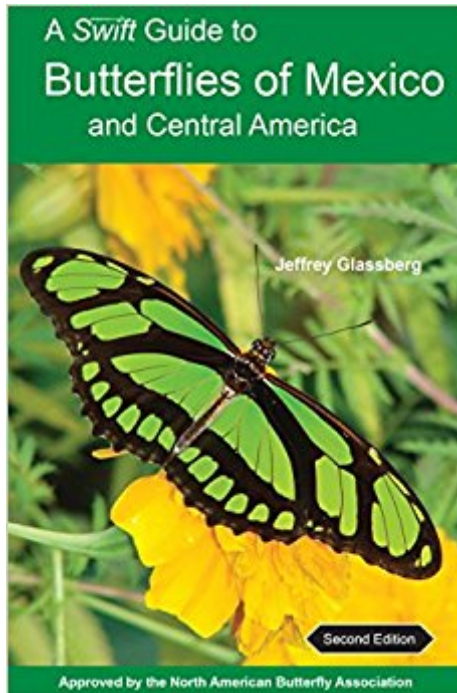




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# A Swift Guide To Butterflies Of Mexico And Central America



## Synopsis

A groundbreaking photographic field guide to almost all of Mexico's butterfly species and many of Central America's. This is a revised second edition of a groundbreaking photographic field guide to the butterflies of Mexico and Central America. Written by Jeffrey Glassberg, the pioneering authority on the field identification of butterflies, the guide covers more than 2,000 species and features over 3,700 large, gorgeous color photographs, the very best images available, accompanied by authoritative facing-page text. This second edition includes more species, more than 1,500 new photos, and updated text, maps, and species names. And range maps, field marks, and host plants are included for all Mexican butterflies. The result is an ideal field guide that will enable you to identify almost every butterfly you see. A revised second edition of a groundbreaking guide, featuring more species, more than 1,500 new photos, and updated text, maps, and species names. The first complete guide to Mexican butterflies. Covers almost all of Mexico's more than 1,700 species, plus many Central American species, including more than two-thirds of those in Costa Rica. Written by the pioneering authority on the field identification of butterflies. Beautifully illustrated with more than 3,700 color photographs that highlight key identification features. Range maps, field marks, and host plants for all Mexican species. Authoritative facing-page text. An invaluable tool for field identification.

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Praise for Jeffrey Glassberg's previous butterfly books: "May do for butterflies what Peterson did for birds."--Village Voice

Praise for Jeffrey Glassberg's previous butterfly books: "Glassberg treats his subject as an open door. Walk through it and begin what can be a lifetime adventure."--E. O. Wilson

Jeffrey Glassberg is well-known to butterfly and dragonfly aficionados for his copiously-illustrated "Through Binoculars" guidebooks. Through the North American Butterfly Association and its magazine "American Butterflies," he is largely responsible for promoting "butterflying" (butterfly watching, as against collecting) as an outdoor recreational activity now enjoyed by millions. This is a very useful little book that has received remarkably little attention or publicity. It is basically a collection of 3250 color photos--a mixture of from-life candids and dead specimens on pins--of butterflies more or less likely to be encountered by butterfly-watching travelers in Mexico and Central America, including many skippers and gossamer-wings (mostly hairstreaks) never before illustrated in one easily-accessible place. Range maps and biological information are presented in very telegraphic form; there is almost no "text." I can testify from personal experience that the maps are not always accurate, but they are better than anything hitherto available--and that can be said of the book as a whole. The blurb on the back cover says "This is the first complete field guide to the butterflies of Mexico or any Central or South American country." That depends on one's definition of "complete," and in fact "Las Mariposas de Chile" by Luis E. Pena G. and Alfredo J. Ugarte P. beat it into print by ten years! Like all such books there will be taxonomic questions...but as of today (September 17, 2012) this is THE place to go to sight-ID Mesoamerican butterflies. I've been working in Latin America for 35 years--and I use it.

Great photos. I used this guide on my first real butterflying trip. I ended up identifying about 30 species and found several that will require additional research to nail down. As far as I could tell, every species I encountered was covered in the book. I really liked the photographic summary of all of the butterfly groups at the end of the book. I found that almost every butterfly I saw was represented in this section, allowing me to quickly find the section I was looking for. There are no species accounts, just photos (typically 1-3 photos per species depending on how much geographic and sexual variation there is); range maps and a few bullet points on key ID features. I personally would have liked a bit more, but on the other hand I appreciated that the book was relatively small and light. I would recommend this book.

I used this when traveling to Panama in May 2016. This was a helpful guide - especially when college students would simply try to match up images of the animals in their pictures and in the

book. I really liked the multiple pictures (male, female, some morphological variants).

I didn't expect that there would be so many butterflies in Mexico. Is very complete and has lots of photos and descriptions as well as pointers on how to spot the differences in similar looking butterflies. You need to have some knowledge of butterflies though otherwise you can spend a long time trying to find what you are looking for.

accurate and concise, great for a trip. much detail needed for subject. Recommend for serious as well as casual butterflyers. look forward to using before and after trip.

I found this guide to be very helpful in identifying dozens of species which I had photographed during a week in Chiapas.

The Swift book should help us identify even more of the local butterflies in our journeys through Mexico. I'll keep you posted. The North American Butterfly guide was awesome and I have no doubt this will be the same. Skippyfrizz

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