

# Rare butterfly recovers in California

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The rare El Segundo blue butterfly, once thought to be nearly extinct, is making a comeback in southern California and hanging out at the beach.

Scientists say dozens of El Segundo blue have been spotted at two popular beaches Torrance and Redondo Beach, Calif., the Los Angeles Times said Wednesday.

The newspaper said the El Segundo blue is found only on the southeastern shores of Santa Monica Bay.

The recovery is attributed to the efforts of local residents, the Urban Wildlands Group and the Los Angeles Conservation Corps' lab program. The groups removed non-native ice plant from beach bluffs and restored the scrub plants and buckwheat that once thrived there.

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