

Pictorial Guide to Local Celastrinas (Azures)

(left) C. ladon, Spring Azure; (right) C. lucia, Northern Azure



(left) spring form C. neglecta; (right) C. serotina, Cherry Gall Azure



(left) C. idella, Holly Azure;



(right) C. neglectamajor, Appalachian Azure



Our local complex of *Celastrina* species is generally difficult if not impossible to diagnose in the field or from a photo when looking only at the underside of the wings — which is what you typically see from perched or puddling azures. But when they take flight the differences are much more obvious, especially among males, and with practice the ID can often be teased out.