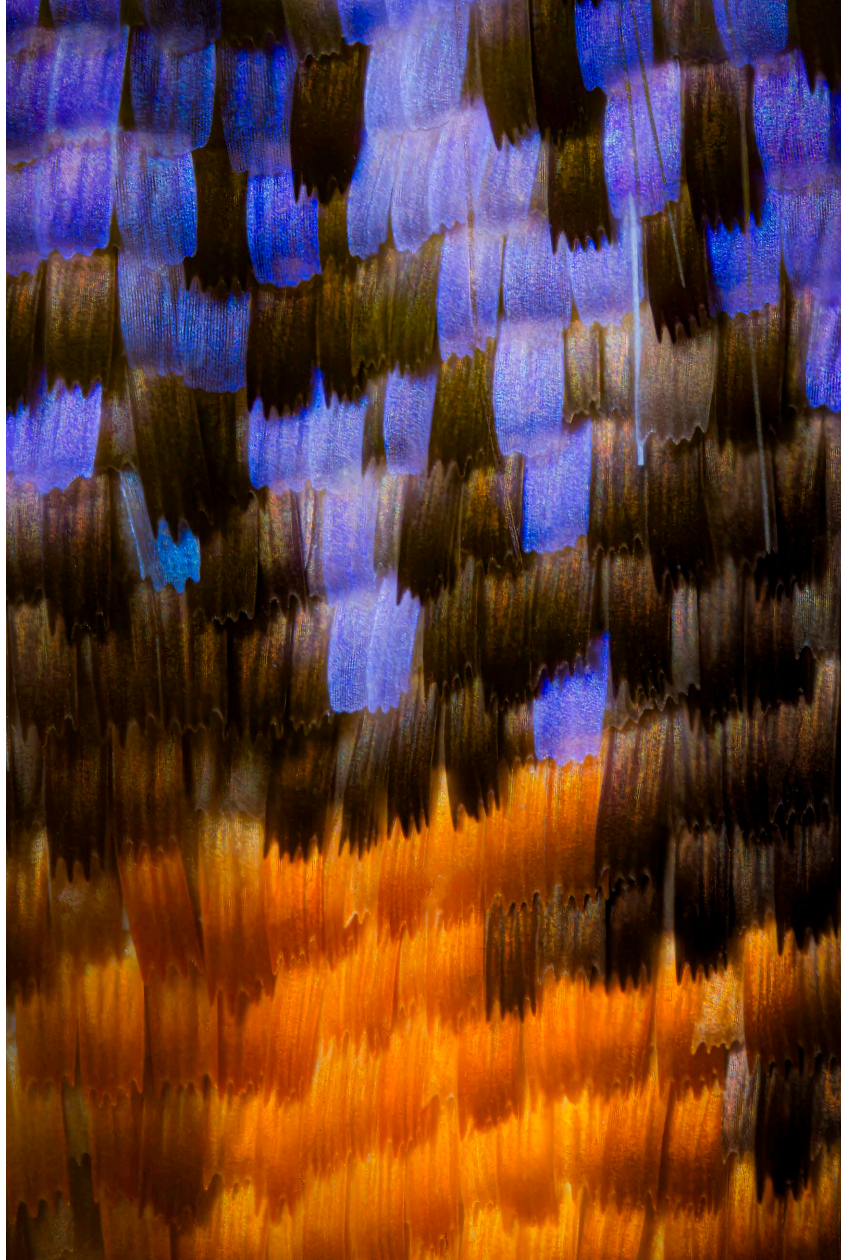


Colorado Hairstreak Butterfly Scales: *Hypaurotis crysalus*, Colorado State Insect, Collected in 1957

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Photography



With these images, I hope to provide a new perspective on insects and their stunning features. Compound eyes, eloquent wing scales, hairs that carry pollen, and incredible mimicking structures depict the epic level of biodiversity and specialization in the insect world. My goal is that someday, with the help of photographs, more people will value insects for their beauty, biodiversity, and necessary ecological importance.

To read the full artist statement, please view the work online using the QR code.