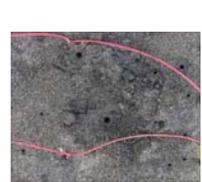




Adults active April–October. Active hunters; run across sand in short fast bursts, make short hopping flights. Dig crescent-shaped burrows in dry sand as shelter.



Caterpillar-like larvae dig small (1-4 mm diam.) burrows several inches deep in moist firm sand & wait for prey. Also in dryer sand further up-land, but generally not in dense vegetation.

Threatened by habitat destruction from ORV and foot traffic, development.

only 17 sites.

historically on Pacific coast from central Washington to Eureka, California, at freshwater outflows onto ocean beach; now known in OR from only 17 sites.



*Cicindela hirticollis siuslawensis* (Siuslaw hairy-necked tiger beetle)

10-15 mm; tuft of long white hairs on side of thorax; brownish green above; thin maculations; front maculation G-shaped w/ reduced rear hook.



*Cicindela oregona oregona* (Western tiger beetle)

11-13 mm; metallic blue or purple below; usually dark brown above, but may be green, blue, or rarely purple; maculations are thin & reduced, giving "polka-dotted" appearance in the field; middle maculation has sharp "elbow" bend.

From Pacific Ocean inland to the Rocky Mountains. Found at the coast at freshwater seeps from sandy cliff faces and around stream outflows onto beach.

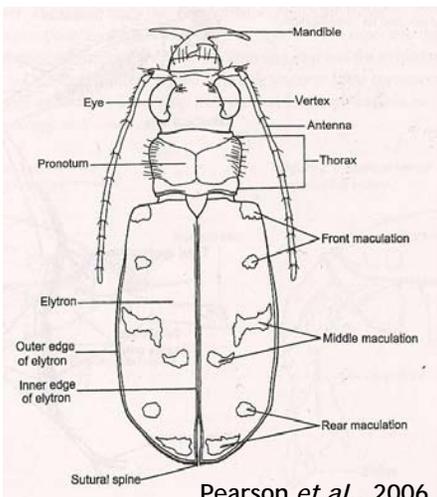


*Cicindela bellissima* (Pacific coast tiger beetle)

12-13 mm; brown with coppery sheen above (head & thorax more greenish in Southern OR); maculations are thick; front maculation lacks hook, middle maculation lacks elbow.

From coastal WA to extreme northern CA in narrow band of discontinuous sand dunes; most common in dune swales and actively shifting dunes from shoreline inland up to 2 km. Prefer un-vegetated or lightly vegetated dunes. Also found along water's edge where dunes are close to shoreline.

Adult tiger beetle generalized illustration



Pearson et al., 2006

Other *Cicindela* of similar appearance whose range may overlap with the Siuslaw hairy-necked tiger beetle in Oregon

*Cicindela repanda repanda* (bronzed tiger beetle)



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11-13 mm; metallic blue-green to coppery below, covered w/short white hairs; bronze-brown above; thin complete maculations, usually not connected to each other; front maculation C-shaped

From Atlantic coast almost to Pacific Ocean in WA, OR, & CA

*Cicindela tranquebarica vibex* (oblique-lined tiger beetle)



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11-15 mm; metallic purple to green below; brown, green, or dull coppery green above; thin maculations; front maculation reduced to short line

From western BC south to CA; west of Cascades rarer, greener, seen at sea beaches, mud flats along lakes, ponds, streams & irrigated pastures

Pocket Field Guide to *Cicindela hirticollis siuslawensis* (Siuslaw hairy-necked tiger beetle) & other *Cicindela* of the Oregon Coast



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*Cicindela* larva



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