



Butterflies

Of Black Hill & Little Bennett Regional Parks

"Butterflying" (actively searching for butterflies in order to observe and identify them) has become an enjoyable pastime for many nature enthusiasts. Butterflies can be seen in these parks during nine months of the year, (March - November) but the peak for activity occurs on sunny afternoons from June to September. They can be observed in wildflower fields, along stream and lake edges, and even on woodland trails. Some good places to begin your search are at the Visitor Center's butterfly garden and adjacent wildflower meadow at Black Hill Regional Park, or Kingsley Schoolhouse Trail and other stream valley trails in Little Bennett Regional Park.

This checklist follows the common names in American Butterflies, Vol.1, No. 1, the Journal of the North American Butterfly Association (NABA), Inc. (1993). The information provided is based upon the observations of the naturalist staff from 1991-1998, combined with data from the annual 4th of July Butterfly Counts from 1991 to 1998 sponsored by NABA. Please report any additional sightings to the naturalists at Black Hill Visitor Center, (301) 916-0220.

KEY TO LOCATIONS

BH - Black Hill Regional Park
LB - Little Bennett Regional Park

KEY TO FLIGHT PERIOD

E - first 10-day period of the month
M - middle 10-day period of the month
L - last 10-day period of the month

SPECIES	BH	LB	FLIGHT PERIOD	HABITAT	ADULTS VISIT	LARVAL HOST PLANT
SWALLOWTAILS Family Papilionidae						
Pipevine Swallowtail	+	+	L-June & L-July	fields & marshes near woods	swamp milkweed, thistles	Dutchman's pipevine
Black Swallowtail	+	+	May through Aug	open fields, gardens, marshes	common & swamp milkweed	Queen Anne's lace
Eastern Tiger Swallowtail	+	+	L-April through Sept	fields, gardens, wood edges	milkweeds, Joe-Pye, thistles	tulip poplar, wild cherry
Spicebush Swallowtail	+	+	E-May to E-Sept	wood trails, edges & gardens	jewelweed, cardinal flower, butterfly weed, honeysuckle	spicebush, saffras
Giant Swallowtail		+	E-May to L-June, M-July to Sept	open woodlands & fields	dames rocket, azalea, swamp milkweed, honeysuckle	northern prickly ash, hop tree
WHITES & SULPHURS Family Pieridae						
European Cabbage White	+	+	March through Oct	fields, lawns, gardens	wintercress, Canada thistle	wintercress, peppergrass
Falcate Orangetip	+	+	L-April to E-May	woods & fields near streams	wintercress, cress, chickweed	rock cress
Clouded Sulphur	+	+	E-April to Nov	open fields, lawns, gardens	clovers, vetch, aster, dandelion	clovers
Orange Sulphur	+	+	L-April to Nov	open fields, lawns, gardens	clovers, vetch, dogbane, aster	clovers & vetches
Cloudless Sulphur	+	+	E-to M-Sept	open fields, gardens	sennas, partridge pea	sennas
Sleepy Orange	+	+	L-Aug to M- Oct	wet meadows, open fields	clovers, asters, goldenrods	sennas
GOSSAMER WINGS Family Lycaenidae						
Harvester		+	June & August	wet areas with alders	aphid honeydew (carnivorous)	alder wooly aphids
American Copper	+	+	June through Aug	weedy fields, farm fields	buttercup, butterfly weed, white clover, ox-eye daisy	sheep sorrel
Coral Hairstreak		+	L-June	fields near woods, gardens	butterfly weed, dogbane	wild cherry
Banded Hairstreak	+	+	L-May to July	woods and edges	dogbane, sumac, milkweed	oaks
Striped Hairstreak		+	L-June to M-July	thickets, brushy wood edges	dogbane, milkweed, sumac	blueberry, wild cherry, huckleberry
Red-banded Hairstreak	+	+	L-May, Aug	brushy fields, woodland edges	dogbane, yarrow	sumacs & oaks
Olive Hairstreak	+	+	L-April & M-July	fields with E. Red-cedars	Queen Anne's lace, milkweeds	Eastern red-cedar
Eastern Pine Elfin		+	M-April to M-June	old fields w/ young pines, or oak-pine forests	blackberry, blueberry, milkweeds, fleabane, white sweet clover	pinces, esp. Virginia pine but will use white pine.
White M Hairstreak		+	L-April, Aug, Oct	wet brushy fields, woods	sumac, viburnum, milkweed	oaks
Gray Hairstreak	+	+	L-April to E-Oct	open fields, gardens	white clover, butterfly weed	clovers, vetch, trefoils
Eastern Tailed Blue	+	+	L-April to E-Oct	open fields, gardens	white clover, butterfly weed	clovers, vetch, trefoils
Spring Azure	+	+	L-March, June & Sept	woods edges, gardens	spicebush, dogbane, sumac	dogwood, wild cherry
SNOUT BUTTERFLIES Family Libytheidae						
American Snout		+	L-June to E-Aug	thickets, brushy open woods	dogbane, sweet pepperbush goldenrod, aster	hackberry

BRUSHFOOTS Family Nymphalidae (Includes subfamilies: SATYRS, Satyrinae and MILKWEED BUTTERFLIES, Danainae)						
Variegated Fritillary	+	+	May to M-October	open fields, gardens	clover, dogbane, tickseed	violets & pansies
Great Spangled Fritillary	+	+	M-June to E-Sept	open fields, gardens	milkweeds, thistles	violets
Meadow Fritillary		+	April, June, Sept	grassy wet fields & pastures	daisies, dogbane, spearmint	violets
Pearl Crescent	+	+	May to Nov	open fields, gardens	butterfly weed, milkweed, asters	asters
Baltimore		+	L-May to L-June	wet meadows, marshes	blackberry, viburnum	turtlehead
Question Mark	+	+	Apr, June & E-Sept	woods, woods roads	rotting fruit & sap, animal dung	nettles, false nettle, elm, hops
Eastern Comma	+	+	Apr, June & E-Sept	woods, woods roads	rotting fruit & sap, animal dung	nettles, false nettle, elm, hops
Mourning Cloak	+	+	Jan & Feb sightings , Apr, June & Sept	woods, woods roads, marshes	sap flows during winter thaws, rotting fruit, dung	willow, elm, cottonwood
American Lady	+	+	L-April through Sept	open fields, gardens	milkweeds, dogbane, buttonbush	everlastings, pussytoes
Painted Lady	+	+	L-Apr, June to Sept	weedy fields, gardens	milkweed, thistles	thistles, mallows
Red Admiral	+	+	occ. Mar; June to E-Sept	woods near streams, edges	sap flows, Joe-Pye weed	nettles, false nettles
Common Buckeye	+	+	L-May to E-Oct	open fields, dirt roads	goldenrod & other composites	plaintain, foxglove, Gerardia
Red-spotted Purple	+	+	E-June to E-Oct	wood edges, dirt/gravel roads	dung, rotting fruit, carrion, sap	wild cherry, willow, oak, poplar
Viceroy	+	+	E-June to E- Oct	pond , marsh & stream edges	bird droppings, dung	willow, poplar
Hackberry Emperor		+	June, M-Aug to E-Sept	woodland edge with hackberry trees	moisture on wet sand or mud; perspiration on human skin	hackberry
Northern Pearly Eye		+	L-May to E-Aug	damp woods near streams	tree sap flows	grasses
Appalachian Brown		+	E-June to L-July & E-Aug to M-Sept	wet woods near open areas	tree sap flows	sedges
Little Wood Satyr	+	+	L-May to E-July	brushy woods edges	aphid honeydew	orchard grass
Common Wood Nymph	+	+	July & August	grassy fields near woods	sap, rotting fruit	grasses
Monarch	+	+	M-Apr to M-Oct	open fields, gardens	milkweeds, goldenrod, tickseed Joe-Pye weed	milkweeds
SKIPPERS Family Hesperidae						
Silver-spotted Skipper	+	+	May to Sept	wood edges, fields, gardens	many wild & garden flowers	black locust & other legumes
Hoary Edge		+	E-May to L-June, & July to Aug	pine woods w/ sandy soil	milkweeds, dogbane, NJ. tea	tick-trefoils
Southern Cloudywing	+	+	E-June to M-July, Aug	dry fields at wood edges	dogbane, common milkweed	tick-trefoils, legumes
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Hayhurst's Scallopwing	+		L-May to June, Aug to Sept	moist open woodlands, disturbed areas, gardens	clovers, mints, dogbane,	lambquarters
Dreamy Duskywing	+	+	E-May to E-June	brushy fields, woods edge	dogbane, blackberry	willows, poplars, aspens
Juvenal's Duskywing	+	+	M-Apr to L-May	brushy fields, woods edge	blackberry, blueberry, houstonia	oaks
Horace's Duskywing	+	+	E-May to E- Sept	woods, marshes	dogbane, goldenrod buttonbush, mt. mint	oaks
Wild Indigo Duskywing	+		June & August	brushy fields, open areas	blackberry, dogbane	crown vetch, blue false indigo
Common Checkered Skipper	+	+	Apr, L-Aug to E-Oct	open fields, gravel/dirt roads	aster, tickseed, clover	mallows, hollyhock
Common Sootywing	+	+	June to August	fields, gardens	dogbane , clover, mints	lambquarters
Swarthy Skipper		+	M-may to L-June E-Aug to M-Sept	fields, barrens, hillsides	self-heal, peppermint, NJ tea, red clover, blue vervain	little bluestem
Clouded Skipper		+	M-Aug to E-Oct	moist grassy & open areas	thistle, blue vervain, self-heal	grasses
Least Skipper	+	+	L-May to E-Oct	grassy stream /pond edges	arrowhead, button-bush, pickeralweed	grasses
European Skipper	+	+	M to L-June	open grassy fields	various composites	Timothy grass
Peck's Skipper	+	+	May to M-June, Aug	fields, wet meadows, gardens	ironweed, dogbane	grasses
Tawny-edged Skipper		+	June & Aug	wet meadows	ironweed, swamp milkweed	panic grasses
Crossline Skipper		+	June to L-July, Sept	wet meadows, open fields	swamp milkweed, ironweed, common milkweed, dogbane	purpletop grass
Northern Broken Dash		+	M-June to E-Aug	weedy fields	dogbane, milkweed, mint, buttonbush, mountain mint	panic grasses
Little Glassywing	+	+	M-June to Aug	wet meadows, brushy fields, streams, wood edges	New York ironweed, Joe-Pye weed, swamp milkweed	Purpletop grass
Sachem	+	+	M-July through Sept	lawns, fields, gardens	tickseed sunflower, dogbane	Bermuda grass, crabgrass
Hobomok Skipper	+	+	L-May to M-June	woods trails & edges	blackberry, common milkweed	grasses
Zabulon Skipper	+	+	L-May to June, Aug	woods trails & edges	honeysuckle, vetch, heal-all	Purpletop grass, lovegrass
Dun Skipper		+	L-June to July, Aug	marsh edges, wood edges	common milkweed, buttonbush	sedges, grasses
Ocola Skipper	+		M-Aug to M-Oct; var. immigrant from south	South: salt marshes, pines MD: fields, pastures, gardens	Verbena & Lantana in gardens mints in the wild	unknown in our area