Ottawa National Forest

Butterfly Checklist

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Abbreviations: C = caterpillar, A = adult, RFSS=Regional Forester's Sensitive Species

LINKS: http://www.naba.org/
http://www.butterfliesandmoths.org/
http://wisconsinbutterflies.org/butterfly

Swallowtails **Family Papilionidae**

☐ Canadian Tiger Swallowtail *Papilio canadensis*
C: aspen, birch, willow. A: cherry, honeysuckle, black and raspberries, iris, Labrador tea.



☐ Black Swallowtail *Papilio polyxenes*
C: carrot family. A: milkweed, clover, thistle.

Whites & Sulphurs **Family Pieridae**
Whites **Subfamily Pierinae**

☐ Olympia Marble *Euchloe Olympia*
C: rock cress, other *Arabis.* A: rock cress, mustards, wild strawberry, lupine, Labrador tea.

☐ Mustard White *Pieris napi*
C: mustard family. A: blueberry, cherry, plum; mustards, boneset, thistles, dogbane.

☐ West Virginia White *Pieris virginiensis* **RFSS**



C: toothwort. A: toothwort, trillium, spring beauty, garlic mustard, Canada violet.

☐ Cabbage White *Pieris rapae*
C: mustard family. A: purple loosestrife, dogbane, mustards, mints, wild bergamot, selfheal, knapweed, aster, goldenrods, spotted knapweed.

Sulphurs **Subfamily Coliadinae**

☐ Orange Sulphur *Colias eurytheme*
C: alfalfa, white clover, white sweetclover, vetches.



A: alfalfa, red clover, common milkweed, dogbane, blue vervain, JoePye weed, asters, dandelion, goldenrods.

☐ Clouded Sulphur *Colias philodice*
C: legumes, white clover, birdsfoot trefoil, alfalfa, vetches, sweet clover. A: dandelion, alfalfa, red clover, goldenrods, asters, mints.

Gossamer-wings **Family Lycaenidae**
Harvesters **Subfamily Miletinae**

☐ Harvester *Feniseca tarquinius*



C: carnivorous, feeding exclusively on woolly aphids.
A: aphid honeydew, bird droppings, carrion, damp soils, salty skin.

Coppers **Subfamily Lycaeninae**

☐ Dorcas Copper *Lycaena dorcas*
C: shrubby and marsh cinquefoil. A: shrubby and marsh cinquefoil, black-eyed susan.

☐ Bog Copper *Lycaena epixanthe*
C: cranberries. A: cranberries, bog goldenrod, pearly everlasting, spotted knapweed, yarrow, clover.

☐ Purplish Copper *Lycaena helloides*
C: docks, knotweeds. A: clovers, milkweeds, asters, goldenrods.

☐ Bronze Copper *Lycaena hyllus*



C: dock, knotweeds. A: alfalfa, red clover, daisy fleabane, spotted knapweed, blackberries, milkweed.

☐ American Copper *Lycaena phlaeas*
C: sheep sorrel, curled dock. A: clovers, yarrow, orange hawkweed, ox-eye daisy, goldenrods, buttercups, black-eyed susan.

Hairstreaks **Subfamily Theclinae**

☐ Brown Elfin *Callophrys augustinus*
C: heath family. A: bearberry, blueberry, Labrador tea.

☐ Western Pine Elfin *Callophrys eryphon*
C: pine needles. A: bearberry, blueberry, bog laurel.

☐ Henry's Elfin *Callophrys henrici*



C: unknown. A: bearberry, Juneberry, chokecherry, wild plum, hawthorn.

☐ Eastern Pine Elfin *Callophrys niphon*
C: pine needles. A: bearberry, blueberry, bog laurel.

☐ Hoary Elfin *Callophrys polios*
C: bearberry and trailing arbutus. A: bearberry, blueberry, Labrador tea, wild strawberry, pussy toes.

☐ Acadian Hairstreak *Satyrium acadica*
C: willow leaves. A: milkweeds, dogbane, white and sweet clovers, meadowsweet, fleabane, thistles, JoePye.

☐ Banded Hairstreak *Satyrium calanus*
C: oaks. A: sumac, meadowsweet, milkweeds, yarrow, dogbane, sweetclovers, dogwoods.

☐ Hickory hairstreak *Satyrium caryaevorum*
C: walnut. A: dogbane, milkweeds, clover, sweetclover, fleabane, basswood, sumacs.

☐ Edwards' Hairstreak *Satyrium edwardsii*
C: red oak. A: dogbane, milkweeds, vetches, sweet clover, meadowsweet, staghorn sumac, goldenrods, JoePye weed.

☐ Striped Hairstreak *Satyrium liparops*
C: heath and rose families. A: milkweeds, dogbane, blueberry, sweet clover, pearly everlasting, goldenrods, sumac, viburnums.

☐ Coral Hairstreak *Satyrium titus*



C: chokecherries, wild plums, juneberries. A: dogbane, milkweeds, clovers, meadowsweet, strawberries, blackberries, black-eyed susan, spotted knapweed.

Blues **Subfamily Polyommatinae**

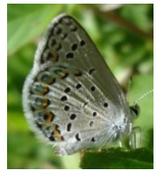
☐ Eastern Tailed-blue *Everes comyntas*
C: legume family. A: clovers, dogbane, cinquefoil, wild strawberries, asters, fleabanes, goldenrods.

☐ 'Spring' Spring Azure *Celastrina ladon ladon*
C: dogwoods, cherries, viburnums, blueberry, sumac, elderberry. A: Moisture, minerals from damp places.

☐ 'Summer' Spring Azure *Celastrina ladon neglecta*
C: dogwoods, cherries, viburnums, blueberry, sumac, elderberry. A: Moisture, minerals from damp places.

☐ Silvery Blue *Glaucopsyche lygdamus*
C: legume family. A: dandelion, wild strawberry, black-berry, chokecherry.

☐ Northern Blue *Lycaeides idas* **RFSS**



C: dwarf bilberry.
A: clovers, dogbane, hawkweed, yarrow.

☐ Greenish Blue *Plebejus saepiolus*
C: alsike and white clover. A: alsike clover, orange hawkweed, asters, other composites.

Brushfoots **Family Nymphalidae**
Heliconians & Fritillaries **Subfamily Heliconiinae**

☐ Meadow Fritillary *Boloria bellona*
C: violets. A: black-eyed susan, dandelion, goldenrods, oxeye daisy.

☐ Bog Fritillary *Boloria eunomia*
C: unknown. A: cranberry, bog laurel, Labrador tea, dandelion, goldenrods.

☐ Freija Fritillary *Boloria freija*
C: Labrador tea, cranberry. A: leatherleaf.

☐ Frigga Fritillary *Boloria frigga*
C: bog willow. A: Labrador tea, bog rosemary.

☐ Silver-bordered Fritillary *Boloria selene*
C: violets. A: iris, Labrador tea, red clover, dogbane, boneset, pearly everlasting, oxeye daisy, asters, thistles, goldenrods.

☐ Aphrodite Fritillary *Speyeria aphrodite*



C: violets. A: milkweed, orange hawkweed, spotted knapweed, thistles.

☐ 'Atlantis' Atlantis Fritillary *Speyeria atlantis atlantis*
C: violets. A: meadowsweet, alfalfa, milkweed, mints, fireweed, pearly everlasting, fleabanes, hawkweeds, JoePye weed, boneset.

☐ Great Spangled Fritillary *Speyeria cybele*
C: violets. A: milkweeds, dogbane, red clover, wild bergamot, thistles, spotted knapweed, oxeye daisy, JoePye.

True Brushfoots **Subfamily Nymphalinae**

☐ Harris' Checkerspot *Chlosyne harrisii*
C: parasol aster, goldenrods. A: dogbane, vetches.

☐ Silvery Checkerspot *Chlosyne nycteis*



C: asters, black-eyed susan, sunflowers. A: milkweed, staghorn sumac, dogbane, red clover, vetches, fleabanes.

☐ Baltimore Checkerspot *Euphydryas phaeton*
C: turtlehead, plantains. A: shrubby cinquefoil, wild rose, viburnums, dogbane, milkweeds, black-eyed susan.

☐ Mourning Cloak *Nymphalis antiopa*
C: willows. A: tree sap, overripe fruit.

☐ Milbert's Tortoiseshell *Nymphalis milberti*
C: nettles. A: alfalfa, vetches, dogbane, boneset, dandelion, thistles, goldenrods.

☐ Compton's Tortoiseshell *Nymphalis vaualbum*
C: birch, willow, aspen. A: tree sap, rotting fruit

☐ Eastern Comma *Polygonia comma*



C: nettles, elm. A: tree sap, rotten fruit, dung, carrion.

☐ Green Comma *Polygonia faunus*
C: alder, willow, birch, currants, blueberries. A: tree sap, rotten fruit, dung, carrion.

☐ Hoary Comma *Polygonia gracilis*
C: currants, gooseberries. A: tree sap, rotten fruit, dung, carrion.

☐ Question Mark *Polygonia interrogationis*
C: nettles, elms. A: tree sap, rotten fruit, dung, carrion.

☐ Gray Comma *Polygonia progne*
C: white birch, elm, gooseberry. A: tree sap, rotten fruit, dung, carrion.

☐ Satyr Comma *Polygonia satyrus*
C: nettles. A: tree sap, rotten fruit, carrion.

☐ Tawny Crescent *Phyciodes batesii* **RFSS**
C: asters. A: blackberries, raspberries, composites.

☐ Northern Crescent *Phyciodes selenis*
C: asters. A: dogbane, white clover, fleabanes, thistles, asters.

☐ Red Admiral *Vanessa atalanta*
C: nettles. A: red clover, alfalfa, bog laurel, bog rosemary, milkweed, dogbane, JoePye weed, asters.

☐ Painted lady *Vanessa cardui*
C: composites. A: blackberries, Labrador tea, lupines, red clover, milkweeds, JoePye weed, asters.

☐ American Lady *Vanessa virginiensis*



C: pearly everlasting, pussytoes, burdock. A: red clover, chokecherry, bog rosemary, Labrador tea, dogbane, milkweed, asters, goldenrods

Admirals & Relatives **Subfamily Limenitidinae**

☐ Viceroy *Limenitis archippus*



C: willows. A: asters, goldenrods, thistles, JoePye weed, blackberries.

☐ White Admiral *Limenitis arthemis arthemis*
C: birch, aspen, willow, cherry. A: dung, aphid honeydew, minerals from damp areas.

Satyrs **Subfamily Satyrinae**

☐ Common Wood-nymph *Cercyonis pegala*
C: grasses. A: alfalfa, mints, meadowsweet, clovers, blue vervain, wild bergamot, composites.

☐ Common Ringlet *Coenonympha tullia*
C: grasses, rushes. A: yellow hawkweed, alsike clover, fleabanes, mints.

☐ Northern Pearly-eye *Enodia anthedon*



C: grasses. A: willow, aspen, birch sap.

☐ Red-disked Alpine *Erebia discoidalis*
C: unknown. A: sap, rotting fruit, dung.

☐ Little Wood-satyr *Megisto cymela*
C: grasses. A: milkweed, sweetclover, oxeye daisy, dewberry, staghorn sumac, viburnums.

☐ Chryxus Arctic *Oeneis chryxus* **RFSS**
C: sedges and grasses. A: cherry, wild strawberry.

☐ Jutta Arctic *Oeneis jutta*
C: cottongrass, sedges, rushes. A: Labrador tea.

☐ Eyed Brown *Satyrodes eurydice*
C: sedges. A: plant sap, bird droppings.

Monarchs **Subfamily Danainae**

☐ Monarch *Danaus plexippus*



C: milkweeds.
A: milkweeds, dogbane, red clover, Labrador tea, goldenrods, thistles, asters, sunflowers, JoePye weed.

Skippers **Family Hesperiidae**
Spread-wing Skippers **Subfamily Pyrginae**

☐ Silver-spotted Skipper *Epargyreus clarus*
C: legumes. A: Dogbane, vetches, blackberries, wild bergamot, honeysuckle, staghorn sumac, milkweeds.

☐ Dreamy Duskywing *Erynnis icelus*
C: willows, aspens. A: blackberry, blueberry, cherry, strawberry, Labrador tea, bog laurel

☐ Juvenal's Duskywing *Erynnis juvenalis*
C: oaks. A: alfalfa, black-, blue-, and straw-berries, chokecherry, honeysuckles, lupines.

☐ Northern Cloudywing *Thorybes pylades*



C: legumes. A: selfheal, blueberries, dogbane, milkweed, alfalfa, thistles.

Skipperlings **Subfamily Heteropterinae**

☐ Arctic Skipper *Carterocephalus palaemon*



C: grasses. A: Labrador tea, wild iris, bog laurel.

Grass-Skippers **Subfamily Hesperiinae**

☐ Pepper & Salt Skipper *Amblyscirtes hegon*
C: grasses. A: Black- and blueberries, honeysuckle, viburnum, selfheal, dogbane, legumes.

☐ Common Roadside-Skipper *Amblyscirtes viali*
C: grasses, especially Bermuda and bluegrasses. A: blueberries, strawberries, vervain, clovers, lupine, white clover, selfheal, asters.

☐ Least Skipper *Ancyloxypha numitor*
C: grasses. A: white clover, alfalfa, dogbane, milkweed, wood-sorrel, vervain, pickerelweed, boneset, goldenrod, fleabane, thistles.

☐ Dun Skipper *Euphyes vestris*
C: sedges. A: red clover, vetches, fireweed, mints, wild bergamot, selfheal, dogbane, milkweed, spotted knapweed, thistles.

☐ Common Branded Skipper *Hesperia comma*
C: Fescue and oat grass. A: dogbane, milkweed, clovers, aster family.

☐ Indian Skipper *Hesperia sassacus*
C: grasses. A: blackberries, honeysuckle, Labrador tea, red clover, vetches, oxeye daisy, orange hawkweed.

☐ Long Dash *Polites mystic*
C: grasses. A: blackberry, lupines, clovers, vetches, selfheal, milkweed, fleabanes, thistles, spotted knapweed, orange hawkweed.

☐ Peck's Skipper *Polites peckius*



C: grasses. A: red clover, vetches, alfalfa, dogbane, milkweeds, selfheal, vervain.

☐ Tawny-edged Skipper *Polites themistocles*
C: grasses. A: oxeye daisy, clovers, vetches, dogbane, alfalfa, orange hawkweed, spotted knapweed, thistles.

☐ Hobomok Skipper *Poanes hobomok*
C: grasses. A: blackberry, honeysuckles, Labrador tea, red clover, vetches, milkweeds, strawberry, dandelion.

☐ European Skipper *Thymelicus lineola*
C: grasses. A: clovers, vetches, dogbane milkweeds, mints, selfheal, oxeye daisy, hawkweeds, fleabanes, thistles.

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