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VICEROY: line crossing through hind wing, smaller than a Monarch. Host plants: Willows (*Salix*).



1 Viceroy
Limenitis archippus

MONARCH: no line crossing through the hind wing, much larger and a stronger flier than a Viceroy. Host plants: Milkweeds (*Asclepias*).



2 Monarch - Male
Danaus plexippus



3 Monarch - Female
Danaus plexippus

BLACK SWALLOWTAIL: in addition to outer line of yellow dots, male has a strong inner line, and blue may be almost absent. Female with much weaker inner line of yellow with separate spot near tip of wing. Some blue on hind-wing, but does not extend up into hindwing above row of faint spots. Host Plants: Parsley Family (Apiaceae).



4 Black Swallowtail
Papilio polyxenes



5 Black Swallowtail
Papilio polyxenes



6 Black Swallowtail
Papilio polyxenes

EASTERN TIGER SWALLOWTAIL: no inner line of yellow dots. No dot near tip. Lots of blue on hindwing, up into center of hind wing. No inner row of orange dots. Tiger stripes often still visible on female dark form. Host Plants: Black Cherry (*Prunus serotina*) and Tulip Tree (*Liriodendron tulipifera*).



7 Eastern Tiger Swallowtail
Papilio glaucus



8 Eastern Tiger Swallowtail
Papilio glaucus



9 Eastern Tiger Swallowtail
Papilio glaucus

RED SPOTTED PURPLE: no tails, no line of yellow spots. Blue-green iridescence depends on lighting. "Red" (orange) spots on underside. Major Host Plants: Cherry (*Prunus*) and others.



10 Red Spotted Purple
Limenitis arthemis astyanax



11 Red Spotted Purple
Limenitis arthemis astyanax



12 Red Spotted Purple
Limenitis arthemis astyanax

GIANT AND SPICEBUSH SWALLOWTAILS: Giant swallowtail is a large butterfly with dark wings above with two yellow crossing stripes, below pale yellow. Host Plants: prickly ash (*Xanthoxylum*) and hoptree (*Ptelea*). Spicebush Swallowtail with half-moon shaped blue marks on the hindwings and cream-blue edge spots. Host Plants: Spicebush (*Lindera*) and Sassafras.



13 Giant Swallowtail
Papilio cresphontes



14 Giant Swallowtail
Papilio cresphontes



15 Spicebush Swallowtail
Papilio troilus

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COMMON BUCKEYE: prominent eye-spots along the margins of both wings, two orange bars on the upper forewing. Host Plants: False Foxgloves (*Agalinis*), Toadflax (*Linnaria*), and Plantain (*Plantago*).



16 Common Buckeye
Junonia coenia



17 Common Buckeye
Junonia coenia



18 Common Buckeye
Junonia coenia

NORTHERN PEARLY-EYE: no large eyespots. Eyespots on the underside edge of the wing surrounded by yellow. Tends to be more strongly patterned on underside. Somewhat scalloped hindwing. Savanna species. Host Plants: grasses (Poaceae).



19 Northern Pearly Eye
Lethe anthedon



20 Northern Pearly Eye
Lethe anthedon



21 Northern Pearly Eye
Lethe anthedon

EYED BROWN: no large eye spots. Eyespots on the underside edge of the wing surrounded by yellow and then surrounded by individual rings of brown. Each spot looks like a donut. Rounded hindwing. Found in sunny open areas. Host Plants: Sedges (*Carex*).



22 Eyed Brown
Lethe eurydice



23 Eyed Brown
Lethe eurydice



24 Eyed Brown
Lethe eurydice

LITTLE WOOD SATYR: much smaller than the above species and quite variable. Eye spots on all wings. Found in woodlands. Host Plants: Grasses (Poaceae).



25 Little Wood Satyr
Megisto cymela

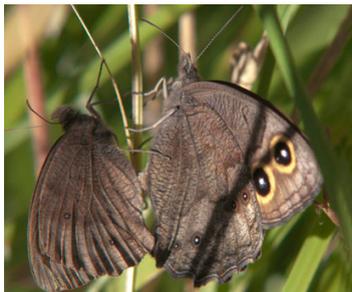


26 Little Wood Satyr
Megisto cymela



27 Little Wood Satyr
Megisto cymela

COMMON WOOD NYMPH: two large eye spots on forewing. Small dots in a row on hindwing. Found in open habitats. Host plants: Grasses (Poaceae).



28 Common Wood Nymph
Cercyonis pegala



29 Common Wood Nymph
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30 Common Wood Nymph
Cercyonis pegala

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PAINTED LADY: lacks the tiny white spot found in the corresponding area of the Painted Lady. The two orange spots in that area are connected. Underside of the hindwing has 4-5 small eyespots. Host Plant: Thistles and many other species.



31 Painted Lady
Vanessa cardui

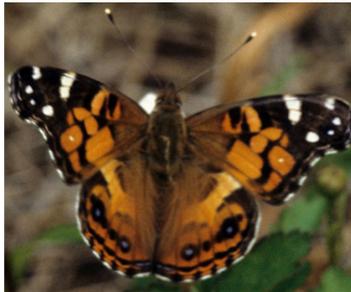


32 Painted Lady
Vanessa cardui



33 Painted Lady
Vanessa cardui

AMERICAN LADY: a tiny white spot located in the orange area of the forewing. The eyespots on the top hindwing are very similar to Painted Lady but the American Lady has white in the center of the large spot. The underside is very different than Painted Lady with two large eyespots. Host Plants: Asters (*Aster*).



34 American Lady
Vanessa virginiensis



35 American Lady
Vanessa virginiensis



36 American Lady
Vanessa virginiensis

RED ADMIRAL: upperside with large red or orange band. underside lacks eyespots. Host Plants: Nettles (*Urtica*).



37 Red Admiral
Vanessa atalanta



38 Red Admiral
Vanessa atalanta



39 Red Admiral
Vanessa atalanta

QUESTION MARK: underside with a silver punctuation mark that includes a dot. Note: shading of underside is variable among males and females and between winter and summer forms. "Eyebrow" over upper outer spot on forewing. Wings are very hooked. Blue edge on upperside on tails. Host Plants: various.



40 Question Mark
Polygonia interrogationis



41 Question Mark
Polygonia interrogationis



42 Question Mark
Polygonia interrogationis

EASTERN COMMA: generally smaller than a Question Mark. Silver mark on underside does not have a dot. No "eyebrow" above upper outer spot on forewing. Wings not as hooked and tail more stubby than Question Mark. Host Plants: Elms (*Ulmus*) and Nettles (*Urtica*).



43 Eastern Comma
Polygonia comma



44 Eastern Comma
Polygonia comma



45 Eastern Comma
Polygonia comma

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HACKBERRY: single eyespot on the forewing and series of small eyespots on the hindwing.
Host Plant: Hackberry (*Celtis*).



46 Hackberry
Asterocampa celtis



47 Hackberry
Asterocampa celtis



48 Hackberry
Asterocampa celtis

GREAT SPANGLED FRITILLARY: large, very fast butterfly. Underside with a light band between rows of silver spots. Several species of Fritillary are found in the area. Host Plant: Violets (*Viola*).



49 Great Spangled Fritillary
Speyeria cybele



50 Great Spangled Fritillary
Speyeria cybele



51 Great Spangled Fritillary
Speyeria cybele

PEARL CRESCENT: long forewings. "Curly" patterns near body, black edging on top. Row of solid, black dots along hindwing margin. Fairly plain underneath. Host Plants: Asters (*Aster*).



52 Pearl Crescent
Phyciodes tharos



53 Pearl Crescent
Phyciodes tharos



54 Pearl Crescent
Phyciodes tharos

SILVERY CHECKERSPOT: Uncommon butterfly that is very similar to Pearl Crescent. Black dots on hindwing are actually donuts (with a light center). Larger than Pearl Crescent. Host Plants: Sunflowers (Asteraceae).



55 Silvery Checkerspot
Chlosyne nycteis



56 Silvery Checkerspot
Chlosyne nycteis



57 Silvery Checkerspot
Chlosyne nycteis

MOURNING CLOAK: large butterfly with light band at edge. The only similar insect is a grasshopper. Host Plants: Willows (*Salix*) and other trees and shrubs.



58 Mourning Cloak
Nymphalis antiopa



59 Mourning Cloak
Nymphalis antiopa



60 Mourning Cloak chrysalis
Nymphalis antiopa

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CABBAGE WHITE: very common, white butterfly with one black spot. Host Plants: various.



61 Cabbage White
Pieris rapae



62 Cabbage White
Pieris rapae



63 Cabbage White
Pieris rapae

CLOUDED AND ORANGE SULPHURS: yellow to orange-yellow with black along the upperside edges. These species will hybridize. Females can be white. Clouded sulphur upperside without orange patches. Orange sulphur has at least some orange hue above. Host Plants: Clovers and Alfalfa (Fabaceae).



64 Clouded Sulphur
Colias philodice



65 Orange Sulphur
Colias eurytheme



66 Orange Sulphur
Colias eurytheme

SPRING AZURE: strong flyer, blue top usually seen in flight. Underside patterned like hairstreaks or eastern tailed blue. No colored spots on underside. No tails. Host Plants: various.



67 Spring Azure
Celastrina ladon



68 Spring Azure
Celastrina ladon



69 Summer Spring Azure
Celastrina neglecta

EASTERN TAILED BLUE: weak flyer, blue or very dark top. Usually stays right above the vegetation. Orange spots on the underside. Tails on hindwing. Host Plants: Pea family (Fabaceae).



70 Eastern Tailed Blue
Cupido comyntas



71 Eastern Tailed Blue
Cupido comyntas



72 Eastern Tailed Blue
Cupido comyntas

ACADIAN AND BANDED HAIRSTREAKS: no dots near the body on the hairstreaks as seen in the previous two species. Blue and orange dots on the underside. Banded Hairstreak with a band of dashes on the underside. Host Plants: Acadian: Willows (*Salix*); Banded: Oaks (*Quercus*) and Hickories (*Carya*).



73 Acadian Hairstreak
Satyrium acadica



74 Banded Hairstreak
Satyrium calanus



75 Banded Hairstreak
Satyrium calanus