Common Name	Status	Host Plants	Overwintering Strategy
Skippers			
☐ Silver-spotted Skipper	0	Shrubby & vining legumes	pupa
☐ Common Checkered-Skipper	0	Weedy mallows	colonist
☐ Common Sootywing	0	Lamb's quarters, celosia	caterpillar/colonist
☐ Least Skipper	С	Wetland grasses	caterpillar
☐ European Skipper	Α	Timothy & orchard grass	egg
☐ Fiery Skipper	0	Lawn grasses	colonist
☐ Peck's Skipper	С	Grasses	caterpillar
☐ Tawny-edged Skipper	С	Grasses	pupa
□ Sachem	0	Lawn grasses	colonist
☐ Delaware Skipper	0	Grasses	caterpillar or pupa
☐ Broad-winged Skipper	0	Phragmites/reed & sedges	caterpillar
☐ Dion Skipper	0	Sedges	caterpillar



Butterfly Checklist

The Arboretum has a variety of habitats within its 1,200 acres



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Butterflies

We encourage visitors to use our checklist and help us learn more about the butterflies at the Arb by reporting your butterfly observations to us. There are additional species we feel must be present but not yet confirmed. Take a photograph and upload it to I-Naturalist (inaturalist.org) where it can be identified and documented for us.

Status

- A Abundant regular to numerous
- C Common regular, seen in low numbers
- O Occasional may or may not be seen in any given year
- R Rare seldom seen

Host Plants

Name of the plants the caterpillar feeds on locally

Overwintering Strategy

The stage of a butterfly life cycle that survives our winter to carry on the species the following spring. Colonist species do not survive the winter but recolonize from the South the following growing season.

Common Name	Status	Host Plants	Overwintering Strategy
Swallowtails			
☐ Eastern Tiger Swallowtail	С	Cherry, ash, hoptree	chrysalis
☐ Black Swallowtail	С	Carrot family	chrysalis
☐ Giant Swallowtail	0	Prickly-ash, hoptree	chrysalis

Whites and Sulphurs

☐ Cabbage White	Α	Cabbage and related plants	chyrsalis
☐ Checkered White	0	Weedy mustards	colonist
☐ Mustard White	0	Native woodlands mustards	chyrsalis rare
☐ Clouded Sulphur	C-A	Legumes	caterpillar or chyrsalis
☐ Orange Sulphur	С	Legumes	colonist
☐ Sleepy Orange	R	Senna	colonist
☐ Little Yellow	0	partridge pea other legumes	colonist

Common Name	Status	Host Plants	Overwintering Strategy
Coppers, Hairstre	aks a	nd Blues	
☐ American Copper	0	sheep sorrel & other docks	chrysalis
☐ Bronze Copper	0	Docks, wetland species	egg
☐ Harvester	0	Woolly aphids	chrysalis
☐ Edward's Hairstreak	0	Scrub oaks	egg
☐ Hickory Hairstreak	0	Hickories	egg
☐ Banded Hairstreak	С	Oaks, hickories, butternut	egg
☐ Eastern Tailed-Blue	С	Legumes flowers & fruits	chrysalis
☐ Spring Azure	С	Dogwoods flowers & fruits	chrysalis
☐ Summer Azure	С	Dogwood, viburnum, and other shrub flowers/fruits	chrysalis

Brush-footed Butterflies

☐ Great Spangled Fritillary	С	Violets	caterpillar
☐ Variegated Fritillary	0	Violets, pansies, violas	colonist
☐ Baltimore Checkerspot	0	Turtleheads	caterpillar
☐ Pearl Crescent	С	Asters	caterpillar
☐ Question Mark	С	Elm, hackberry	adult
☐ Eastern Comma	С	Elm, nettles, hops	adult
☐ Milbert's Tortoiseshell	0	Nettles	adult
☐ Mourning Cloak	С	Cherry, elm, willow others	adult
☐ American Lady	С	Pussytoes, everlanstings	colonist
☐ Painted Lady	C-A	Thistles and mallows	colonist
☐ Red Admiral	C-A	Nettles	colonist
☐ Common Buckeye	0	Plantains, snapdragons	colonist
☐ Red-spotted Purple	С	Cherry, plum, haws, others	caterpillar
□ Viceroy	С	Willows, cottonwood	caterpillar
☐ Hackberry Emperor	0	Hackberry	caterpillar
☐ Northern Pearly-Eye	0	Woodland grasses	caterpillar
☐ Eyed Brown	0	Wetland sedges	caterpillar
☐ Appalachian Brown	R	Woodland sedges	caterpillar
☐ Little Wood-Satyr	С	Woodland grasses	caterpillar
☐ Common Ringlet	С	Prairie/meadow grasses	caterpillar
☐ Common Wood-Nymph	С	Prairie/meadow grasses	caterpillar
☐ Monarch	С	Milkweeds	migrates to Mexico