

## Butterfly information compiled by Joel Dunnette

Butterfly	Habitat	Flight Months*	Larval food (SE MN)	Winter
Black Swallowtail	Open areas	-mJJAs-	Umbelliferae: wild parsnip, wild carrot, parsley, dill	Pupa
Tiger Swallowtail	Woods edge	-MJJa--	Cherry, aspen and other trees	Pupa
Cabbage White	Open areas	aMJJASo	Mustards, cabbage family	Pupa
Clouded Sulphur	Open areas	aMJJASo	Clover, alfalfa	Caterpillar or pupa
Orange Sulphur – aka Alfalfa Sulphur	Open areas	-mJJASo	Alfalfa and relatives	Caterpillar or pupa
American Copper	Dry grasslands	aMJJaSo	Sorrel, dock and relatives	Caterpillar
Hairstreaks (Coral, Edwards, etc.)	Flowery meadows	--JJA--	Each has specific requirements	Egg or pupa
Eastern Tailed Blue	Lawns, grasslands	-mJJAs-	Legumes	Caterpillar
Spring/Summer Azure	Wood edges, shrubs	-mJJJa--	Dogwood, cherry, meadowsweet	Pupa
Great Spangled Fritillary	Grasslands, woods edge	--jJA--	Violets	Caterpillar
Variegated Fritillary	Open fields with flowers	--jJA--	Violets	Caterpillar
Meadow Fritillary	Open, moist areas	-mjJa-	Violets	Caterpillar
Pearl Crescent	Open areas	-MJJAs-	Asters	Caterpillar
Baltimore Checkerspot	Wet grasslands	--jj---	Turtlehead, plantain	Caterpillar
Question Mark	Woods edges	amjjaso	Elm, Hackberry, Nettles	Adult
Comma (Eastern, Gray, etc.)	Woods edges	amjjaso	Elm, nettles	Adult
Mourning Cloak	Open areas in or near woods	Amjjas-	Willows, aspens, birches, elm, etc.	Adult
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Milbert's Tortoiseshell	Moist woods edge	--jJA--	nettles	Adult
Painted Lady	Open areas with flowers	-mJJAs-	Thistles and many other plants	Adult, erupts from south
American Painted Lady	Open areas with flowers	-MJJa--	Everlasting, pussytoes, etc.	Adult, erupts from south
Red Admiral	Moist woods edge, although possible anywhere	amJJAs-	Nettles	Adult, erupts from south
Common Buckeye	Grasslands and weedy areas	---JA--	Snapdragons, plantains	Adult
Red-spotted Purple	Moist woods	--jJA--	Cherry, aspen, poplar, etc.	Caterpillar
Viceroy	moist shrubby areas	--JJAs-	Willows, aspens, some fruit trees	Caterpillar
Hackberry Emperor	Open woods	--JJA--	Hackberry	Caterpillar
Northern Pearly-eye	woods edges, esp. near water	--jJa--	Grasses	
Eyed Brown	wet meadows	---J---	Sedges	Caterpillar
Little Wood Satyr	grassy woods	--jj---	Grasses	Caterpillar
Common Wood Nymph	Grassy meadows	--jJA--	Grasses	Caterpillar
Monarch	Open areas	-mJJAs-	Milkweeds	Adult migrates south
Silver-spotted Skipper	Woods edge	--jJA--	Locust, woody legumes	Caterpillar or pupa
Other skippers	Open fields	various	Grasses and other plants	various

\* Code for flight months: one character for each month, April, May, June, July, August, September, October (peak months of flight in SE Minnesota are capitalized)