

Common Butterflies of the Catskills and their Favorite Nectar Plants

Swallowtails

Family Papilionidae

<i>Papilio glaucus</i>	Tiger Swallowtail	<i>Apocynum spp</i>	Dogbanes
<i>Papilio polyxenes</i>	Black Swallowtail	<i>Asclepias spp</i>	Milkweeds
<i>Papilio troilus</i>	Spicebush Swallowtail	<i>Cirsium spp</i>	Thistles (many Non-native)
		<i>Eupatorium spp</i>	Joe-Pye Weeds
		<i>Impatiens spp</i>	Jewelweeds
		<i>Lonicera spp</i>	Honeysuckles
		<i>Rhododendron spp</i>	Azaleas & Rhodies
		<i>Vernonia spp</i>	Ironweeds

Whites & Sulphurs

Family Pieridae

<i>Colias eurytheme</i>	Orange Sulphur	<i>Aster spp</i>	Asters
<i>Colias philodice</i>	Clouded Sulphur	<i>Chrysanthemum leucanthemum</i>	Oxeye Daisy (Non-native)
		<i>Chrysanthemum spp</i>	Garden Mums (Non-native)
		<i>Dipsacus sylvestris</i>	Teasel (Non-native)
		<i>Solidago spp</i>	Goldenrods
		<i>Taraxacum officinale</i>	Dandelion (Non-native)
		<i>Trifolium and Melilotus</i>	Non-native Clovers
		<i>Vernonia spp</i>	Ironweeds
<i>Pieris virginensis</i>	West Virginia White	<i>Claytonia spp</i>	Spring Beauties
		<i>Dentaria spp</i>	Toothworts
		<i>Sedum spp</i>	Stonecrops
		<i>Viola spp</i>	Violets

Hairstreaks

Family Lycaenidae

<i>Celastrina ladon</i>	Spring Azure	<i>Achillea millefolium</i>	Yarrow (Non-native)
<i>Everes comyntas</i>	Eastern Tailed Blue	<i>Amelanchier spp</i>	Serviceberries
<i>Lycaena phlaeas</i>	American Copper	<i>Apocynum spp</i>	Dogbanes
<i>Lycaena hyllus</i>	Bronze Copper	<i>Asclepias spp</i>	Milkweeds
<i>Satyrium acadicum</i>	Northern Willow Hairstreak	<i>Aster spp</i>	Asters
<i>Satyrium calanus</i>	Banded Hairstreak	<i>Ceanothus americanus</i>	New Jersey Tea
<i>Satyrium caryaevorum</i>	Hickory Hairstreak	<i>Chrysanthemum leucanthemum</i>	Oxeye Daisy (Non-native)
<i>Satyrium liparops</i>	Striped Hairstreak	<i>Cirsium spp</i>	Thistles (many Non-native)
<i>Satyrium titus</i>	Coral Hairstreak	<i>Daucus carota</i>	Queen Anne's Lace (Non-native)
		<i>Eupatorium fistulosum</i>	Boneset
		<i>Ligustrum</i>	Privet (Non-native)
		<i>Lindera benzoin</i>	Spicebush
		<i>Malus spp</i>	Crabapples
		<i>Mentha spp</i>	Mints (mostly Non-native)
		<i>Potentilla spp</i>	Cinquefoils
		<i>Prunus spp</i>	Plums & Cherries
		<i>Ranunculus spp</i>	Buttercups
		<i>Rhus typhina</i>	Staghorn Sumac
		<i>Rubus spp</i>	Blackberry & Raspberry
		<i>Sambucus canadensis</i>	Elderberry
		<i>Solidago spp</i>	Goldenrods
		<i>Trifolium and Melilotus</i>	Non-native Clovers
		<i>Viburnum spp</i>	Viburnums

Fritillaries

Family Nymphalidae

<i>Boloria bellona</i>	Meadow Fritillary	<i>Achillea millefolium</i>	Yarrow (Non-native)
<i>Boloria selene</i>	Silver-bordered Fritillary	<i>Apocynum spp</i>	Dogbanes
<i>Speyeria aphrodite</i>	Aphrodite Fritillary	<i>Arctium</i>	Burdock (Non-native)
<i>Speyeria atlantis</i>	Atlantis Fritillary	<i>Asclepias spp</i>	Milkweeds

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<i>Speyeria cybele</i>	Great Spangled Fritillary	<i>Aster spp</i> <i>Chrysanthemum leucanthemum</i> <i>Cirsium spp</i> <i>Daucus carota</i> <i>Echium vulgare</i> <i>Erigeron spp</i> <i>Eupatorium spp</i> <i>Mentha spp</i> <i>Prunella vulgaris</i> <i>Pycnanthemum spp</i> <i>Solidago spp</i> <i>Spiraea spp</i> <i>Taraxacum officinale</i> <i>Trifolium and Melilotus</i> <i>Verbesina alternifolia</i> <i>Vernonia spp</i>	Asters Oxeye Daisy (Non-native) Thistles (many Non-native) Queen Anne's Lace (Non-native) Viper's Bugloss (Non-native) Fleabanes Joe-Pye Weeds Mints (mostly Non-native) Heal-all (Non-native) Mountain Mints Goldenrods Meadowsweets Dandelion (Non-native) Non-native Clovers Wingstem Ironweeds
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Checkerspots &

Crescents

Family Nymphalidae

<i>Chlosyne harrissii</i>	Harris' Checkerspot	<i>Achillea millefolium</i> <i>Apocynum spp</i> <i>Asclepias spp</i> <i>Aster spp</i> <i>Chrysanthemum leucanthemum</i> <i>Erigeron spp</i> <i>Hieracium spp</i> <i>Rudbeckia hirta</i> <i>Solidago spp</i> <i>Taraxacum officinale</i> <i>Trifolium and Melilotus</i> <i>Viburnum spp</i>	Yarrow (Non-native) Dogbanes Milkweeds Asters Oxeye Daisy (Non-native) Fleabanes Hawkweeds (mostly Non-native) Black-eyed Susan Goldenrods Dandelion (Non-native) Non-native Clovers Viburnums Animal Dung Damp Soil
<i>Euphydryas phaeton</i>	Baltimore Checkerspot		
<i>Phyciodes tharos</i>	Pearl Crescent		

Anglewings &

TortoisesHELLS

Family Nymphalidae

<i>Polygonia comma</i>	Eastern Comma		Animal Carrion
<i>Polygonia faunas</i>	Green Comma		Animal Dung
<i>Polygonia interrogationis</i>	Question Mark		Damp Soil
<i>Nymphalis antiopa</i>	Mourning Cloak		Rotting Fruit
<i>Nymphalis milberti</i>	Milbert Tortoiseshell		Tree Sap
<i>Nymphalis vau-album</i>	Compton Tortoiseshell	if above not available: <i>Apocynum spp</i> <i>Asclepias spp</i> <i>Aster spp</i> <i>Ceanothus americanus</i> <i>Cirsium spp</i> <i>Cornus spp</i> <i>Eupatorium fistulosum</i> <i>Rubus spp</i> <i>Trifolium and Melilotus</i> <i>Vernonia spp</i> <i>Verbesina alternifolia</i>	Dogbanes Milkweeds Asters New Jersey Tea Thistles (many Non-native) Dogwoods Boneset Blackberry & Raspberry Non-native Clovers Ironweeds Wingstem

Admirals

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<i>Limenitis archippus</i>	Viceroy	Animal Carrion
<i>Limenitis arthemis astyanax</i>	Red Spotted Purple	Animal Dung
<i>Limenitis arthemis arthemis</i>	White Admiral	Damp Soil
<i>Vanessa atalanta</i>	Red Admiral	Rotting Fruit
<i>Vanessa virginiensis</i>	American Painted Lady	Tree Sap
	if above not available:	
	<i>Apocynum spp</i>	Dogbanes
	<i>Asclepias spp</i>	Milkweeds
	<i>Aster spp</i>	Asters
	<i>Chrysanthemum leucanthemum</i>	Oxeye Daisy (Non-native)
	<i>Cirsium spp</i>	Thistles (many Non-native)
	<i>Cornus spp</i>	Dogwoods
	<i>Daucus carota</i>	Queen Anne's Lace (Non-native)
	<i>Dipsacus sylvestris</i>	Teasel (Non-native)
	<i>Eupatorium spp</i>	Joe-Pye Weeds
	<i>Prunus spp</i>	Plums & Cherries
	<i>Trifolium and Melilotus</i>	Non-native Clovers
	<i>Viburnum spp</i>	Viburnums

Satyrs Family Nymphalidae

<i>Cercyonis pegala</i>	Common Wood Nymph	Animal Carrion
<i>Coenonympha tullia</i>	Common Ringlet	Animal Dung
<i>Megisto cymela</i>	Little Wood Satyr	Damp Soil
<i>Satyrodes eurydice</i>	Eyed Brown	Rotting Fruit
		Tree Sap
	if above not available:	
	<i>Asclepias spp</i>	Milkweeds
	<i>Chrysanthemum leucanthemum</i>	Oxeye Daisy (Non-native)
	<i>Daucus carota</i>	Queen Anne's Lace (Non-native)
	<i>Dipsacus sylvestris</i>	Teasel (Non-native)
	<i>Eupatorium spp</i>	Joe-Pye Weeds
	<i>Monarda fistulosa</i>	Wild Bergamot
	<i>Rhus typhina</i>	Staghorn Sumac
	<i>Rubus spp</i>	Blackberry & Raspberry
	<i>Rudbeckia hirta</i>	Black-eyed Susan
	<i>Trifolium and Melilotus</i>	Non-native Clovers
	<i>Vernonia spp</i>	Ironweeds
	<i>Viburnum spp</i>	Viburnums

Monarchs Family Nymphalidae

<i>Danaus plexippus</i>	Monarch	<i>Apocynum spp</i>	Dogbanes
		<i>Asclepias spp</i>	Milkweeds
		<i>Aster spp</i>	Asters
		<i>Buddleja spp</i>	Butterflybush (Non-native)
		<i>Chrysanthemum spp</i>	Garden Mums (Non-native)
		<i>Cirsium spp</i>	Thistles (many Non-native)
		<i>Dipsacus sylvestris</i>	Teasel (Non-native)
		<i>Eupatorium spp</i>	Joe-Pye Weeds
		<i>Liatris scariosa</i>	Northern Blazing Star
		<i>Solidago spp</i>	Goldenrods
		<i>Syringa spp</i>	Lilacs (Non-native)
		<i>Tagetes spp</i>	Marigolds (Non-native)
		<i>Trifolium and Melilotus</i>	Non-native Clovers
		<i>Vernonia spp</i>	Ironweeds

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Spread-winged Skippers

Family Hesperidae Subfamily Pyrginae

<i>Achalarus lyciades</i>	Hoary Edge	<i>Apocynum</i> spp	Dogbanes
<i>Epargyreus clarus</i>	Silver-spotted Skipper	<i>Asclepias</i> spp	Milkweeds
<i>Erynnis baptisiae</i>	Wild Indigo Duskywing	<i>Brassica</i> spp	Mustards (Non-native)
<i>Erynnis icelus</i>	Dreamy Dusky Wing	<i>Cirsium</i> spp	Thistles (many Non-native)
<i>Erynnis juvenalis</i>	Juvenal's Dusky Wing	<i>Claytonia</i> spp	Spring Beauties
<i>Thorybes pylades</i>	Northern Cloudy Wing	<i>Crataegus</i> spp	Hawthorns
		<i>Daucus carota</i>	Queen Anne's Lace (Non-native)
		<i>Eupatorium</i> spp	Joe-Pye Weeds
		<i>Fragaria</i> spp	Strawberries
		<i>Potentilla</i> spp	Cinquefoils
		<i>Prunus</i> spp	Plums & Cherries
		<i>Rubus</i> spp	Blackberry & Raspberry
		<i>Rudbeckia hirta</i>	Black-eyed Susan
		<i>Trifolium and Melilotus</i>	Non-native Clovers
		<i>Vaccinium</i> spp	Blueberries
		<i>Vernonia</i> spp	Ironweeds
		<i>Vicia</i> spp	Vetches (some Non-native)
		<i>Viola pedata</i>	Bird's-foot Violet

Grass Skippers

Family Hesperidae Subfamily Hesperinae

<i>Amblyscirtes vialis</i>	Common Roadside Skipper	<i>Apocynum</i> spp	Dogbanes
<i>Ancyloxiphia numitor</i>	Least Skipper	<i>Asclepias</i> spp	Milkweeds
<i>Euphyes conspicua</i>	Black Dash	<i>Aster</i> spp	Asters
<i>Euphyes vestris</i>	Dun Skipper	<i>Blephilia</i> spp	Wood Mints
<i>Hesperia leonardus</i>	Leonard's Skipper	<i>Ceanothus americanus</i>	New Jersey Tea
<i>Poanes hobomok</i>	Hobomok Skipper	<i>Centaurea</i> spp	Knapweeds (Non-native)
<i>Polites mystic</i>	Long Dash	<i>Cephalanthus occidentalis</i>	Buttonbush
<i>Polites peckius</i>	Peck's Skipper	<i>Cichorium intybus</i>	Chicory (Non-native)
<i>Polites themistocles</i>	Tawny-edged Skipper	<i>Cirsium</i> spp	Thistles (many Non-native)
<i>Pompeius verna</i>	Little Glassy Wing	<i>Desmodium</i> spp	Tick-trefoils
<i>Thymelicus lineola</i>	European Skipper (Non-native)	<i>Dipsacus sylvestris</i>	Teasel (Non-native)
<i>Wallengrenia egeremet</i>	Northern Broken Dash	<i>Echium vulgare</i>	Viper's Bugloss (Non-native)
		<i>Eupatorium</i> spp	Joe-Pye Weeds
		<i>Hieracium</i> spp	Hawkweeds (mostly Non-native)
		<i>Kalmia latifolia</i>	Mountain Laurel
		<i>Laminum amplexicaule</i>	Henbit (Non-native)
		<i>Liatris</i> spp	Blazing Stars
		<i>Mentha</i> spp	Mints (mostly Non-native)
		<i>Phlox</i> spp	Phlox
		<i>Potentilla</i> spp	Cinquefoils
		<i>Oxalis</i> spp	Wood Sorrels (some Non-native)
		<i>Prunella vulgaris</i>	Heal-all (Non-native)
		<i>Trifolium and Melilotus</i>	Non-native Clovers
		<i>Viola pedata</i>	Bird's-foot Violet
		<i>Verbena hastata</i>	Blue Vervain
		<i>Vernonia</i> spp	Ironweeds