

The following is a summary of the more common butterflies in this area or look alike butterflies. When there are 2 butterflies and descriptions the butterfly on the left will be described first.

Cabbage White – one of most common butterflies; white; dark tip on wings. Only nonnative butterfly. Host plant is the cabbage family



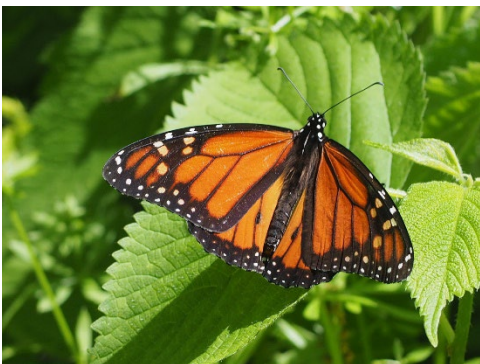
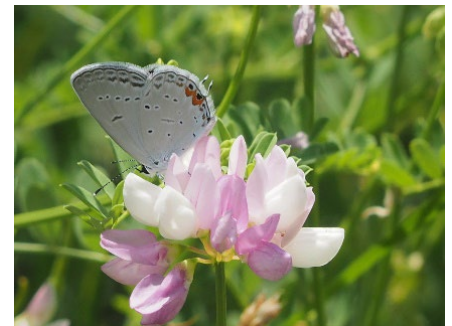
Orange Sulphur – when flies can see orange color; Found in summer; likes clover plants

Clouded Sulphur – no orange color when fly; found more in spring



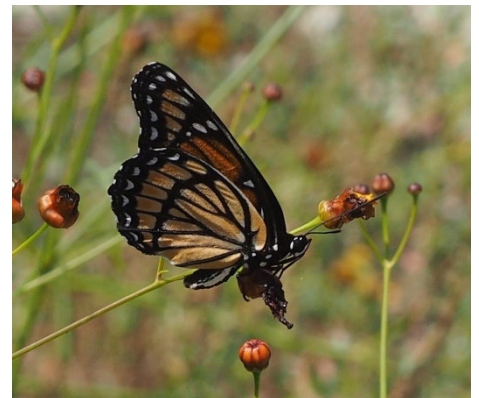
Azure – found mainly in forested area; no orange spot on hind wing or tail; high flyer

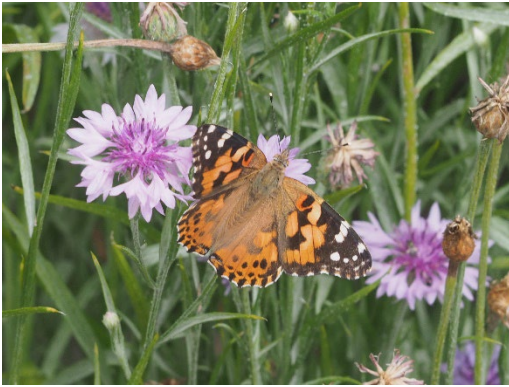
Eastern-tailed Blue – found low, near ground; like clover; has orange spot on hind wing and small tail



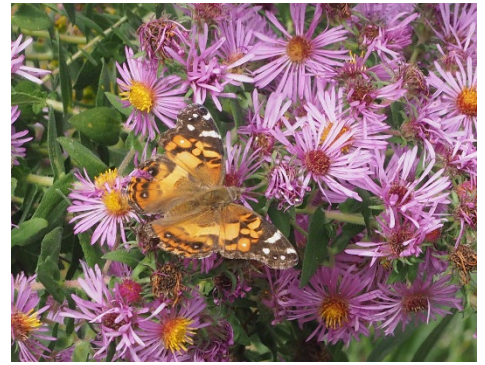
Monarch – butterfly most people are familiar with; orange with black veins and white spots; host plant milkweed; glides when flies

Viceroy – same color as Monarch but has extra black line on hindwing; not as common and often found close to water; flies straight line





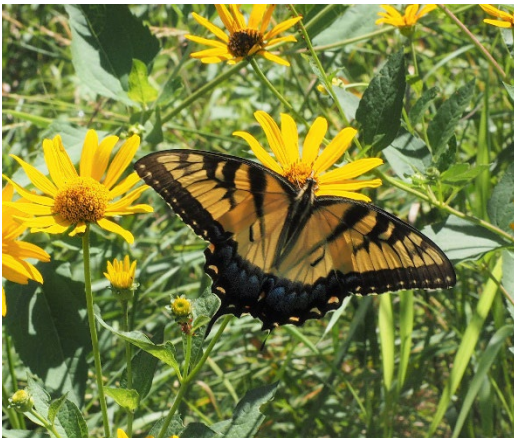
Painted Lady – orange and black with white markings; smaller than Monarch; more markings than American Lady; underside has smaller dots than American Lady



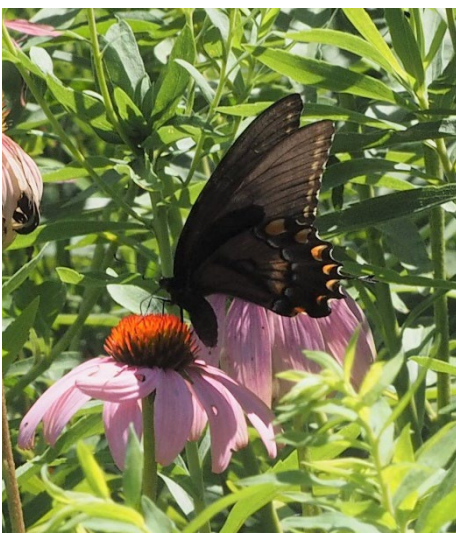
American Lady – dots on lower wing appeared smeared; extra white dot on upper wing; underside large eye-spots



Red Admiral – In the same family as the Painted Lady and American Lady; about the same size as the other two; black with red strip on forewing and red strip at end of hindwing; white on tips of forewing; host plant is nettles

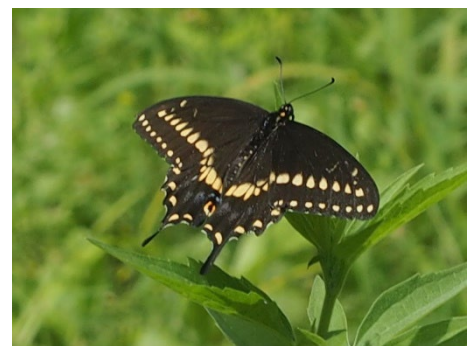


Eastern Tiger Swallowtail – one of largest butterflies found in the garden. Yellow with black markings; tails on hind wing; the female also may be black which can get confused with the **Black Swallowtail**



Black Form of Female Tiger Swallowtail – note the markings of the Eastern Tiger Swallowtail are still visible. Larger than the Black Swallowtail

Black Swallowtail – smaller than the Eastern Tiger Swallowtail; distinct rows of yellow markings on wings





Pearl Crescent – a small to medium size butterfly; varied in markings; low flyer and found low to the ground and near grasses



Common Buckeye – a medium size butterfly; recognized by the eyespots on the open wings; when fly one sees the white strip at end of wings; found in open areas and low grassy areas



Hackberry Emperor – a medium sized butterfly; brown with white spots; will often land on a person due to being attracted to sweat; found near the edge of woods



Silver Spotted Skipper – one of the most common butterflies in Lauritzen Gardens; the white spot on the underwing makes it very recognizable; upper wings are shades of brown but more often found with wings closed



Wild Indigo Duskywing – a dark brown small butterfly; when sun hits wings just right has gold tones to it; found in grasses and around crown vetch which is it's host plant;



Fiery Skipper – small brown skipper with dark brown spots on underwing; when wings are open appears as if dark lines shoot out from the hind wing; most common in the fall



Peck's Skipper – small brown skipper with very distinct yellow markings in the shape of a "V" on underside of wing; doesn't usually appear until July (Left)



Sachem – a small skipper; s distinct "V" on underwing that is cream color; common in late summer (Right)



Eastern Comma – found at edge of Forest. Similar to Question Mark but With one less dot on upper wing. Has a comma on underwing.

Red Spotted Purple – has red spots On underwing. Florescent blue on When wings open.

