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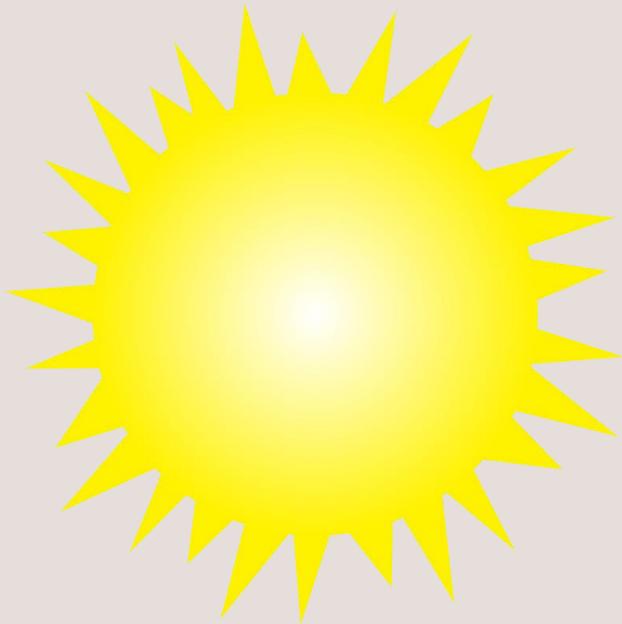
Joanne Langabee



The butterfly is a flying flower,
The flower a tethered butterfly.
~Ponce Denis Écouchard Lebrun

Butterfly Garden Requirements

Sun – at least 6 hours a day



Moisture – but well drained soil



Surrounding shrubs, lawn, rocks

Rock/hard structures



Shelter – bushes, trees, vegetable gardens



Untidiness – allows
chrysalis and eggs to
develop



Host Plants – tuck in
among nectar plants



Plant Selection

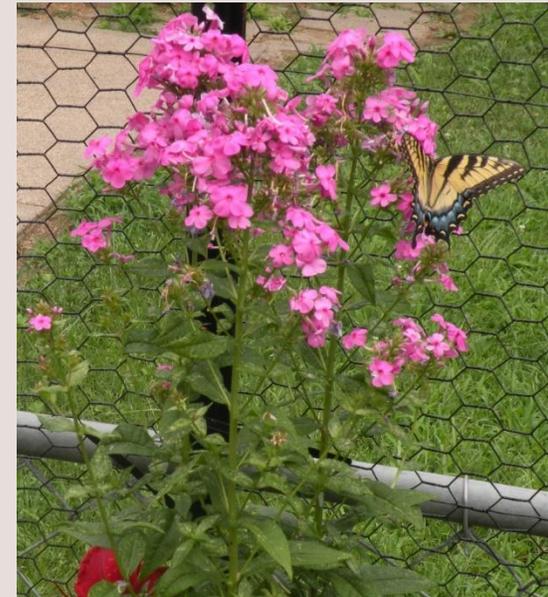
- Variety of plants
- Native, Aliens, Weeds & Trees
- Include flowers different sizes
- Flowers all season
- Old Fashion – more open the better



Butterflies prefer plants



- Bright colors – red, purple, orange, yellow
- Pollen not as important as nectar
- Wide landing area
- Plant 3 or 5 in grouping

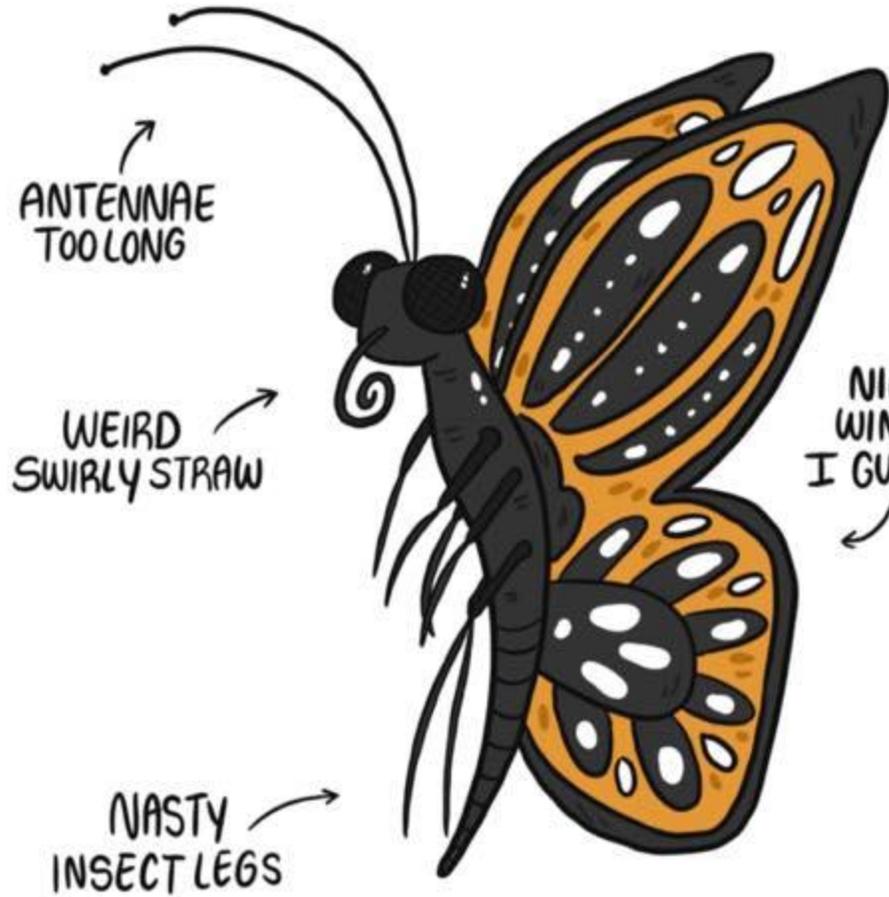


The green grass and the happy skies
court the fluttering butterflies.

~Terri Guillemets

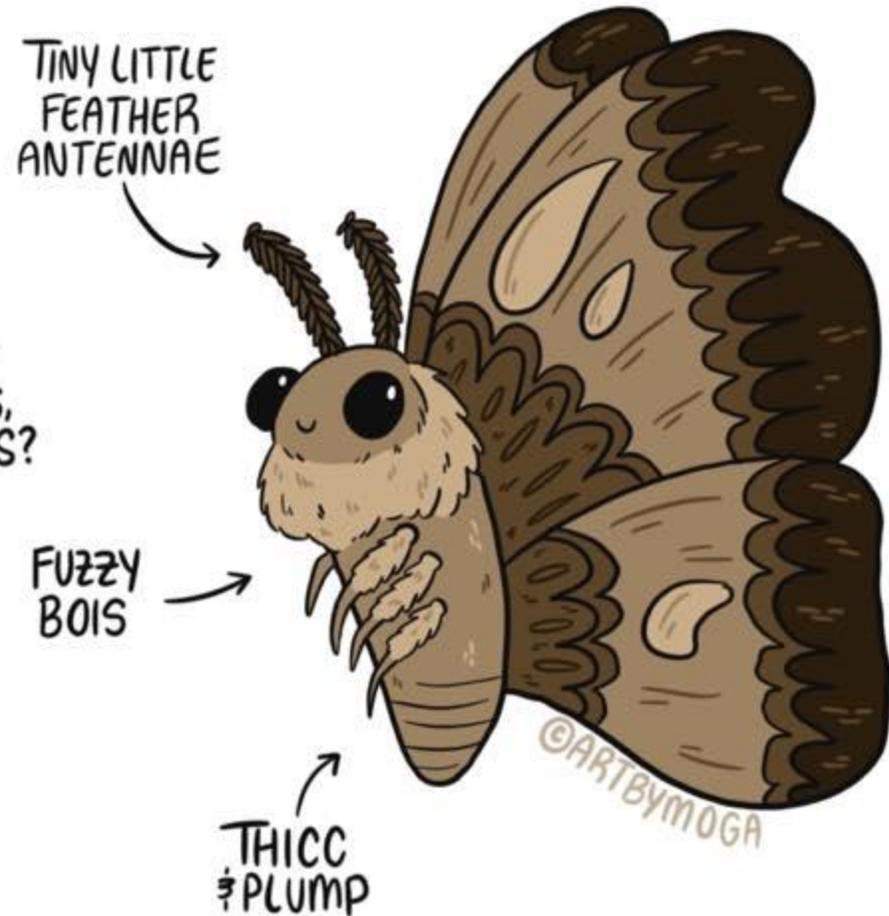
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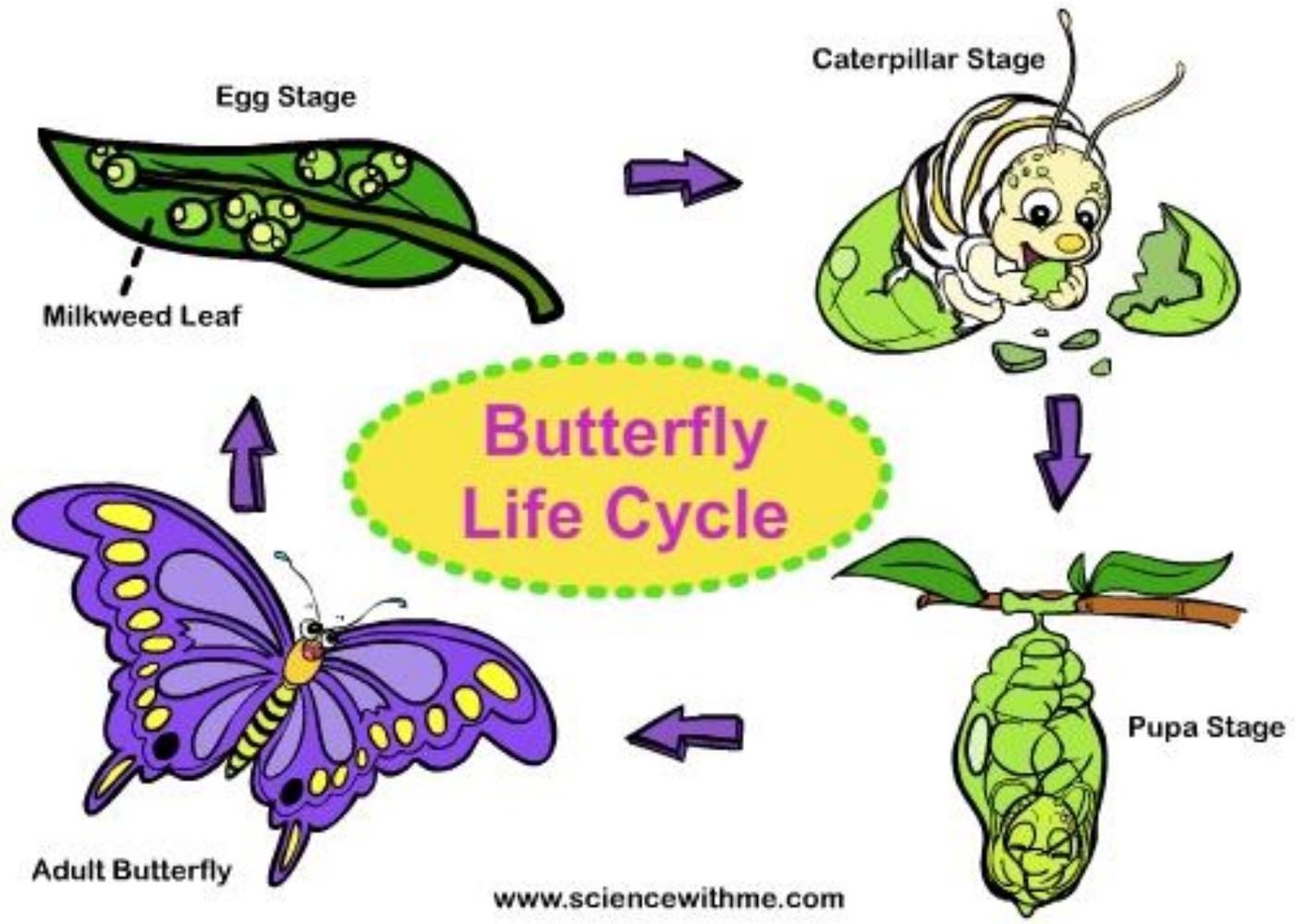
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MOTHS:

(FAR SUPERIOR)





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Flowers and butterflies drift in color,
illuminating spring.
~Author Unknown

Watching Butterflies

- Sunny Day
- Low wind
- Walk slow
- Close focus binoculars
- Warm day – 50 degrees



BUTTERFLIES COMMON
TO OUR AREA



Swallowtails

Eastern Tailed Swallowtail



Swallowtails

Giant Swallowtail



Black Swallowtail



Female Eastern Tiger Swallowtail



Orange Sulphur



Clouded Sulphur



Cabbage White



Checkered White



Spring/Summer Azure



Gray Hairstreak



Eastern Tailed Blue



American Snout



Monarch



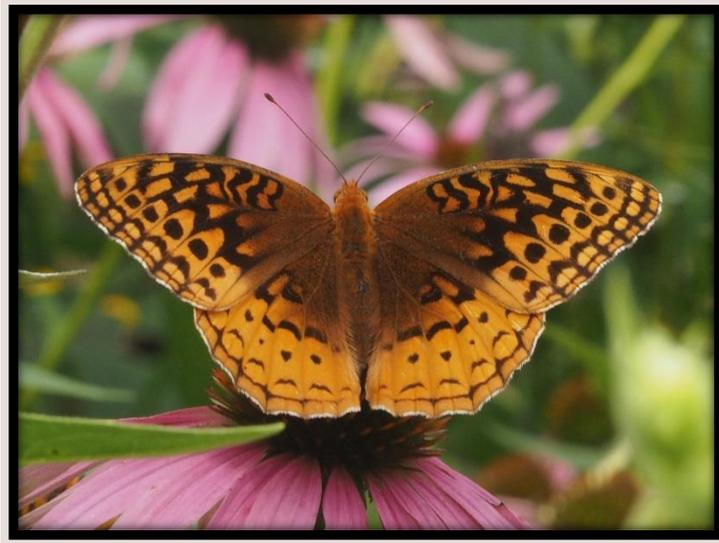
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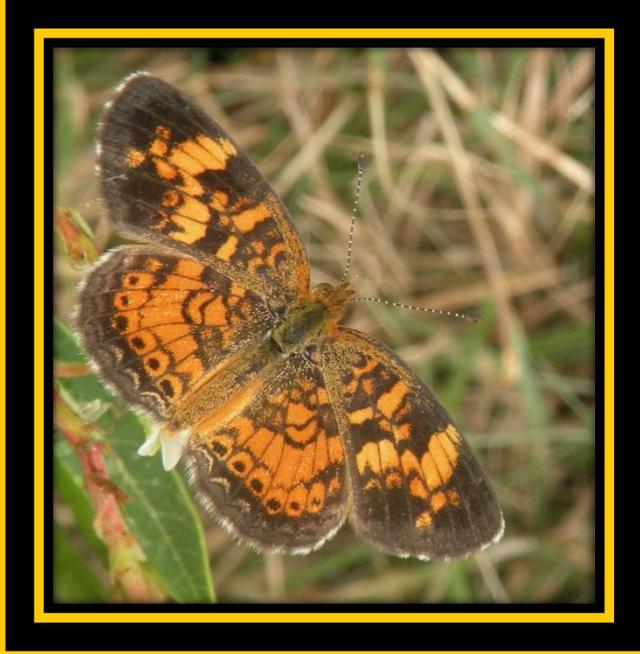
Variegated Fritillary



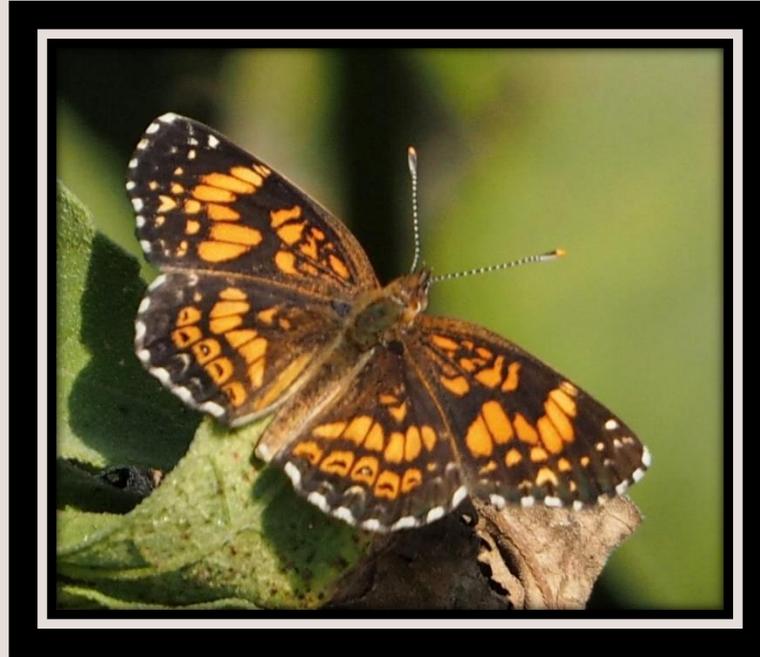
Great Spangled Fritillary



Pearl Crescent



Gorgone Checkerspot



Question Mark



Eastern Comma



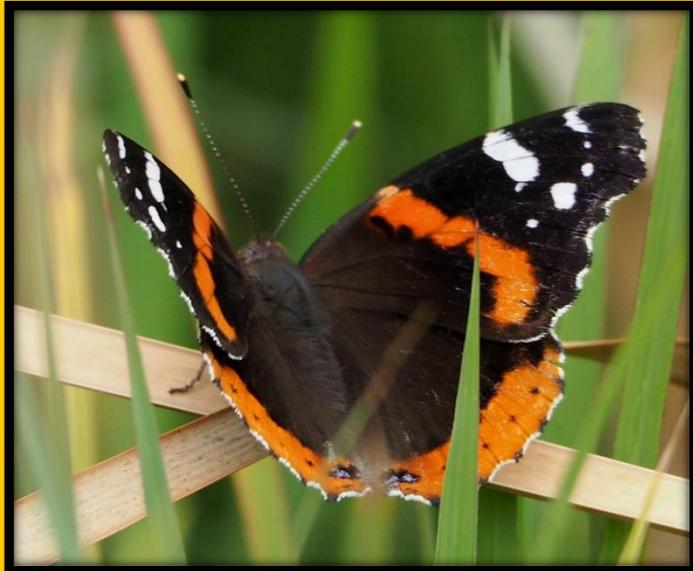
Mourning Cloak



Common Buckeye



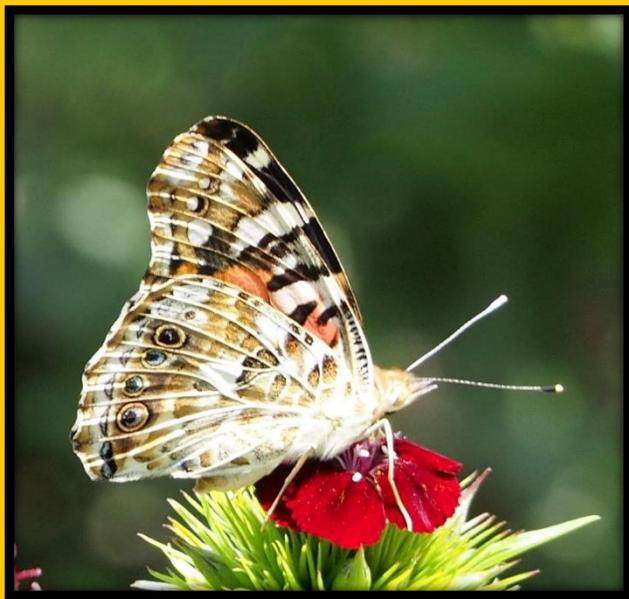
Red Admiral



Red Spotted Purple



Painted Lady



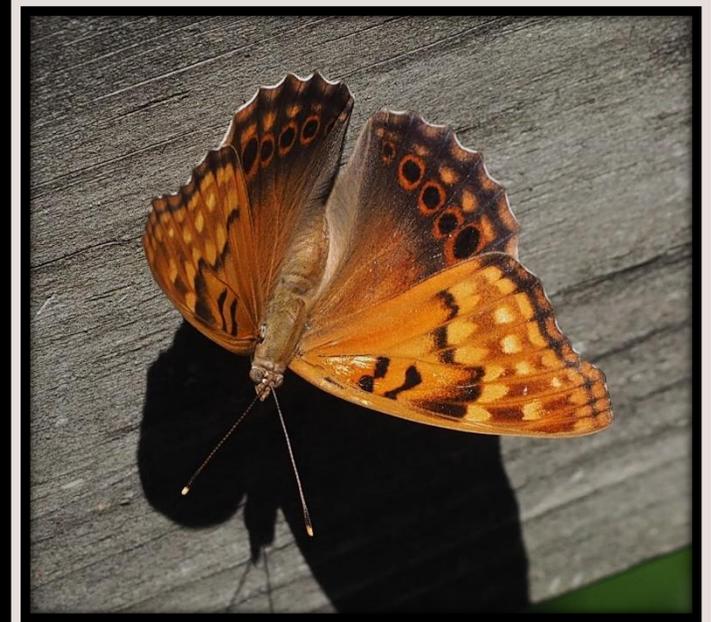
American Lady



Hackberry Emperor



Tawny Emperor



Northern Pearly Eye

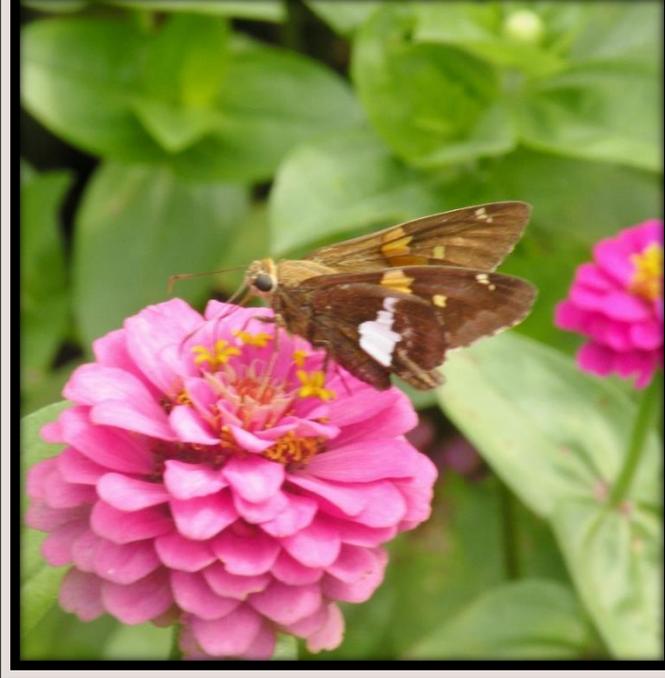


Little Wood Satyr

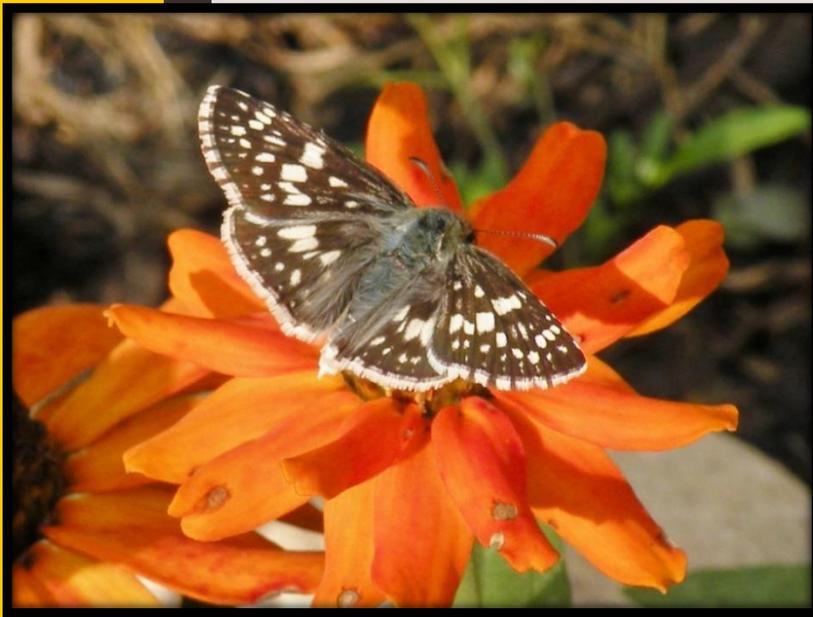


Spread Wing Skippers

Silver Spotted Skipper



Common Sooty Wing



Common Checkered Skipper



Grass Skipper

Sachem Skipper



Dun Skipper



Fiery Skipper



Peck's Skipper



Tawny Edged Skipper



Least Skipper



Go on, hitch a ride on the back of a butterfly.
There's no better way to fly.

~Pat Monahan, Scott Michael Underwood, and
James W. Stafford, "Get To Me"

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