

BUTTERFLY CHECKLIST
CATSKILL MOUNTAINS, NEW YORK

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This checklist is based upon records published in *Butterflies and Skippers of New York State*, Arthur M. Shapiro, Search Agriculture, Volume 4, Number 3, 1974 and collections, photographs and observations by Morton S. Adams, David Lemmon and Francis Groeters. It is intended to aid in observation and solicit additional reports that will lead to a more complete understanding of the region's butterfly fauna. As an aid to field identification we recommend: Opler, P.A., 1992. *Field Guide to Eastern Butterflies*, New York: Houghton-Mifflin; Glassberg, J. 1999. *Butterflies through Binoculars: The East*, New York: Oxford University Press; Brock, J.P and Kaufman, K., 2003. *Butterflies of North America*, New York: Houghton-Mifflin; and Cech, R. and Tudor, G. *Butterflies of the East Coast*, Princeton: Princeton University Press. Please report your findings on species, numbers, locations, and dates seen to the Olive Natural Heritage Society.

Key to Status:

C = common: regularly seen in large numbers;
F = fairly common; usually seen in small numbers;
U = uncommon: only occasionally seen;
R = rare: found only a few times each year;
X = accidental: reported only once or twice, probably a stray;
H = hypothetical; reported but needs additional documentation.

Key to Distribution:

w = widespread: at all elevations;
l = lowlands: normal found only below the mountain woodlands;
h = highlands: normally found only in mountain woodlands.

- SWALLOWTAILS - Papilionidae
- _____ **Black Swallowtail** (*Papilio polyxenes*)
C(Apr - Jun, Jul - Oct)w
 - _____ **Giant Swallowtail** (*Papilio cresphontes*)
R(May - Jun, Jul - Sep)l
 - _____ **Eastern Tiger Swallowtail** (*P. glaucus*)
C(Mar - Apr, Jun - Sep)l
 - _____ **Canadian Tiger Swallowtail** (*P. canadensis*)
C(May - Jul)l
 - _____ **Spicebush Swallowtail** (*Papilio troilus*)
F(May - Sep)l
- WHITES AND SULPHURS - Pieridae
- _____ **Falcate Orangetip** (*Anthocharis midea*)
F(Apr - Jun)h
 - _____ **Cabbage White** (*Pieris rapae*)
C(Apr - Nov)l
 - _____ **West Virginia White** (*Pieris virginiensis*)
F(Apr - May)l
 - _____ **Orange Sulphur** (*Colias eurytheme*)
C(Jun - Nov)l
 - _____ **Clouded Sulphur** (*Colias philodice*)
C(Apr - Nov)l
 - _____ **Little Yellow** (*Eurema lisa*)
X(Jul - Aug)l
- HAIRSTREAKS - Lycaenidae
- _____ **Harvester** (*Feniseca tarquinius*)
H(Jul - Aug)l
 - _____ **American Copper** (*Lycaena phlaeas*)
C(May - Oct)l
 - _____ **Bronze Copper** (*Lycaena hyllus*)
F(Jun - Jul)l
 - _____ **Bog Copper** (*Lycaena epixanthe*)
U(Jun - Aug)l
 - _____ **Coral Hairstreak** (*Satyrrium titus*)
F(Jun - Aug)l
 - _____ **Acadian Hairstreak** (*Satyrrium acadica*)
C(Jun - Aug)l
 - _____ **Banded Hairstreak** (*Satyrrium calanus*)
C(Jul - Aug)l
 - _____ **Hickory Hairstreak** (*Satyrrium caryaevorum*)
F(Jul - Aug)l
 - _____ **Striped Hairstreak** (*Satyrrium liparops*)
F(Jul - Aug)l
 - _____ **Oak Hairstreak** (*Satyrrium favonius ontario*)
R(Jun - Aug)l
 - _____ **Gray Hairstreak** (*Strymon melinus*)
C(Apr - Oct)l
 - _____ **Brown Elfin** (*Callophrys augustinus*)
U(Apr - May)l

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- _____ **Henry's Elfin** (*Callophrys henrici*)
R(May)l
- _____ **Frosted Elfin** (*Callophrys irus*)
R(Apr - May)l
- _____ **Eastern Pine Elfin** (*Callophrys niphon*)
U(Apr - Jun)l
- _____ **Early Hairstreak** (*Erora laeta*)
R(Apr - Aug)l
- _____ **Eastern Tailed-Blue** (*Everes comyntas*)
C(Apr - May, Jun - Oct)l
- _____ **Spring Azure** (*Celastrina ladon*)
C(Apr - Aug)l
- FRITILLARIES - Nymphalidae
- _____ **Royal Fritillary** (*Speyeria idalia*)
R(Jun - Sep)l
- _____ **Atlantis Fritillary** (*Speyeria atlantis*)
C(Jun - Jul)l
- _____ **Great Spangled Fritillary** (*Speyeria cybele*)
C(Jun - Sep)l
- _____ **Aphrodite Fritillary** (*Speyeria aphrodite*)
C(Jul - Sep)l
- _____ **Silver-bordered Fritillary** (*Boloria selene*)
F(Jun - Jul, Jul - Sep)l
- _____ **Meadow Fritillary** (*Boloria bellona*)
F(Apr - Jun)l
- CHECKERSPOTS & CRESCENTS -
Nymphalidae
- _____ **Baltimore** (*Euphydryas phaeton*)
F(Jun - Jul)l
- _____ **Harris' Checkerspot** (*Chlosyne harrisii*)
F(Jun - Jul)l
- _____ **Silvery Checkerspot** (*Chlosyne nycteis*)
R(Jun - Jul)l
- _____ **Tawny Crescent** (*Phycoides batesii*)
H(May - Jul)l
- _____ **Pearl Crescent** (*Phycoides tharos*)
C(Apr - Nov)l
- ANGLEWINGS & TORTOISESHELLS - Nymphalidae
- _____ **Question Mark** (*Polygonia interrogationis*)
F(Jun - Sep)l
- _____ **Eastern Comma** (*Polygonia comma*)
C(Jun - Aug)l
- _____ **Green Comma** (*Polygonia faunus*)
F(Jul)h
- _____ **Gray Comma** (*Polygonia progne*)
R(Jul - Oct)h
- _____ **Compton Tortoiseshell** (*Nymphalis vau-album*)
C (Mar - May, Sep - Oct)h
- _____ **Milbert's Tortoiseshell** (*Nymphalis milberti*)
C(Apr - May, May - Oct)l
- _____ **Mourning Cloak** (*Nymphalis antiopa*)
C(Apr- May, Jul - Oct)l
- ADMIRALS - Nymphalidae
- _____ **Red Admiral** (*Vanessa atalanta*)
C(Apr - May, Jul - Oct)l
- _____ **Painted Lady** (*Vanessa cardui*)
X(Apr - Nov)l
- _____ **American Lady** (*Vanessa virginiensis*)
C(Apr - Sep)l
- _____ **Viceroy** (*Limenitis archippus*)
C(May - Jul, Jul - Sep, Sep - Oct)l
- _____ **White Admiral** (*Limenitis arthemis arthemis*)
C(Jun - Sep)l
- _____ **Red-spotted Purple** (*Limenitis arthemis astynax*)
C(Jun - Sep)l
- SATYRS - Nymphalidae
- _____ **Northern Pearly-eye** (*Enodia anthedon*)
F(Jul - Aug)l
- _____ **Eyed Brown** (*Satyroides eurydice*)
F(Jul - Aug)l
- _____ **Appalachian Brown** (*Satyroides appalachia*)
U(Jul - Sep)l
- _____ **Little Wood-Satyr** (*Megisto cymela*)
C(May - Jul)l
- _____ **Common Ringlet** (*Coenonympha tullia*)
C(Jun- Jul)l
- _____ **Common Wood-Nymph** (*Cercyonis pegala*)
C(Jun - Sep)l
- MONARCHS - Nymphalidae
- _____ **Monarch** (*Danaus plexippus*)
C(May - Sep)l
- _____ **Queen** (*Danaus gilippus*)
X(May - Sep)l
- SPREAD-WINGED SKIPPERS - Hesperidae: Pyrginae
- _____ **Silver-spotted Skipper** (*Epargyreus clarus*)
C(Jun- Jul)l
- _____ **Hoary Edge** (*Achalarus lyciades*)
F(Jun- Jul)l
- _____ **Southern Cloudy Wing** (*Thorybes bathyllus*)
U(Jun- Jul)l
- _____ **Northern Cloudy Wing** (*Thorybes pylades*)
F(Jun - Aug)l
- _____ **Dreamy Dusky Wing** (*Erynnis icelus*)
C(May - Jul)l
- _____ **Horace's Dusky Wing** (*Erynnis horatius*)
U(Apr - May, Jun - Aug)l
- _____ **Juvenal's Dusky Wing** (*Erynnis juvenalis*)
C(Apr - Jun)l
- _____ **Persius Dusky Wing** (*Erynnis persius*)
H (May)l
- _____ **Wild Indigo Dusky Wing** (*Erynnis baptisiae*)
F(Jun - Jul)l
- _____ **Columbine Dusky Wing** (*Erynnis lucilius*)
U(May)l
- INTERMEDIATE SKIPPERS - Hesperidae: Heteropterinae
- _____ **Arctic Skipper** (*Carterocephalus palaemon*)
R(May - Jun)l
- GRASS SKIPPERS - Hesperidae: Hesperinae
- _____ **European Skipper** (*Thymelicus lineola*)
C(Jun - Jul)l
- _____ **Least Skipper** (*Ancyloxypha numitor*)
C(May - Oct)l
- _____ **Leonard's Skipper** (*Hesperia leonardus*)
F(Aug - Sep)l
- _____ **Indian Skipper** (*Hesperia sassacus*)
U(May - Jun)l
- _____ **Cobweb Skipper** (*Hesperia metea*)
U(May)l
- _____ **Little Glassy Wing** (*Pompeius verna*)
C(Jul)l
- _____ **Crossline Skipper** (*Polites origenes*)
U(Jun - Sep)l
- _____ **Tawny-edged Skipper** (*Polites themistocles*)
F(May - Sep)l
- _____ **Peck's Skipper** (*Polites peckius*)
C(Jun - Sep)l
- _____ **Long Dash** (*Polites mystic*)
F(Jun - Jul)l
- _____ **Northern Broken-Dash** (*Wallengrenia egeremet*)
C(Jul - Aug)l
- _____ **Hobomok Skipper** (*Poanes hobomok*)
C(May - Jul)l
- _____ **Dun Skipper** (*Euphyes vestris*)
C(Jul - Aug)l
- _____ **Black Dash** (*Euphyes conspicua*)
C(Jul - Aug)l
- _____ **Common Roadside Skipper** (*Amblyscirtes vialis*)
F(May - Jun)l
- _____ **Pepper and Salt Skipper** (*Amblyscirtes hegon*)
R(Jun - Jul)l