

BUTTERFLY SPECIES	SEEN AT MIDEWIN	REMNANT RELIANT	LARVAL HOST PLANTS	HABITAT
Skippers:				
Common Roadside Skipper	Yes	Yes - Very Reliant	Grasses, Native Species	Sand Areas, Woodland/Grassland Edges
Least Skipper		Somewhat Reliant	Grasses, Native and Non-Native Species	Wetlands
Sachem	Yes	No	Grasses, Including Non-Native Species	Migratory from farther south, Open Disturbed Fields
Delaware Skipper	Yes	Somewhat Reliant	Big and Little Bluestem, Switch Grass	Prairies, Open Brushy Fields
Bysus Skipper	Yes	Yes - Very Reliant	Prairie Grasses, Illinois hosts unknown	Mesic to Dry Prairies
Mulberry Wing Skipper		Yes - Very Reliant	Sedges	Fens, Wet Meadows, Open Water Marshes
Two Spotted Skipper	Yes	Yes - Very Reliant	Big and Little Bluestem, Sedges	Moist to Mesic Prairies, Bogs, Marshes and Meadows with Sedges
Dusted Skipper		Yes - Very Reliant	Big and Little Bluestem	Sand Prairies, Gravel Hill Prairies, Dry Fields
Black Dash Skipper		Yes - Very Reliant	Sedges	Fens, Meadows with Sedges
Dion Skipper	Yes	No	Switch Grass	Meadows with Sedges
Dun Skipper	Yes	No	Switch Grass	Wet Woodland Edges
Fiery Skipper		No	Weedy Grasses, Non-Native Grasses, Including Crab Grass	Migratory from farther south, Open Grassy Areas, Dry Fields
Hobomok Skipper		Somewhat Reliant	Grasses, Including Panic Grass, and Bluegrass	Moist Oak Woodlands and Savannas
Peck's Skipper	Yes	No	Grasses	Open Grassy Areas, Disturbed Areas, Moist Prairies
Long Dash		Somewhat Reliant	Grasses, Including Bluegrass	
Crossline Skipper	Yes	Somewhat Reliant	Grasses Likely, Host Plants Not Identified	Sedge Meadows, Moist Prairies
Tawny Edged Skipper		No	Panic Grasses	Dry, Sunny Areas, Upland Prairies
Little Glassy Wing Skipper		No	Grasses, Including False Redtop	Open Areas, Moist Brushy Fields near Woodlands
European Skipper	Yes	No	Timothy	Open Fields, Pastures, Disturbed Areas, Sunny and Dry Fields
Common Checkered Skipper		No	Variety of Plants, Many in Mallow Family	Rare in Chicago area, Sunny Areas with Sparse Vegetation
Southern Cloudy Wing Skipper		Somewhat Reliant	Various Legumes, Including Tick Trefoils and Bush Clovers	Open Dry Areas, Hill Prairies
Northern Cloudy Wing Skipper	Yes	Somewhat Reliant	Various Legumes, Including Tick Trefoils and Bush Clovers	Savannas, Dry Areas
Wild Indigo Dusky Wing Skipper	Yes	No	Baptisia Species and Crown Vetch	Prairies, Savannas, Roadsides with Crown Vetch
Dreamy Dusky Wing Skipper		Yes - Very Reliant	Willows and Poplars	Oak Woodlands, Barrens
Sleepy Dusky Wing Skipper		Yes - Very Reliant	Scrubby Oaks, including Black Oak	Sand Savannas
Juvenal's Dusky Wing Skipper		Somewhat Reliant	Oaks, including Bur Oak	Open Woodlands with Oaks
Horace's Dusky Wing Skipper		Yes - Very Reliant	Black Oak	Sand Savannas
Mottled Dusky Wing Skipper		Yes - Very Reliant	New Jersey Tea	Oak Woodlands with New Jersey Tea
Silver Spotted Skipper	Yes	No	Legumes, including Tick Trefoils	Sunny Areas with Flowers, Usually seen in Open Areas near Woodlands
Northern Broken Dash		No	Panic Grasses	Woodland Edges
Broad Winged Skipper	Yes	Yes - Very Reliant	Sedges	Sedge Meadows
Common Sootywing Skipper	Yes	No	Lamb's Quarters	Open Sunny Areas
Ottoo Skipper	Yes	Yes - Very Reliant	Little Bluestem	Hill Prairies, Endangered in Illinois
Zabulon Skipper		No	Grasses	Woodland Edges, Fields near Woodlands

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Swallowtails:				
Giant Swallowtail	Yes - Not on Midewin D Route	No	Prickly Ash and Hop Tree	Woodlands Openings and Edges, More common south of Chicago
Eastern Tiger Swallowtail	Yes	No	Cherry and Ash Trees	Open Areas near Trees, Parks and Gardens
Black Swallowtail	Yes	No	Carrot Family Plant, Including Queen Anne's Lace and Wild Parsley	Sunny Open Areas
Spicebush Swallowtail	Yes	No	Sassafrass and Spicebush	Shady Areas, Rare in Chicago area except in Indiana Dunes
Pipevine Swallowtail	Maybe	Somewhat Reliant	Pipevines, Virginia Snakeroot	Open Brushy Areas, Rare in Chicago area due to lack of host plants
Whites and Sulphurs:				
Southern Dogface Butterfly	Yes - Not on Midewin D Route	Somewhat Reliant	Leadplant and Other Legumes	Migratory from farther south, Prairies with host plants, Sunny Open Areas
Orange Sulphur	Yes	No	Legumes, Especially Alfalfa	Open Areas, Gardens, Parks, Old Fields
Common or Clouded Sulphur	Yes	No	Legumes, Especially Clovers	Open Sunny Areas with flowers
Little Yellow	Yes	No	Partridge Pea	Sunny Areas with short vegetation, Migratory from farther south
Dainty Sulphur		No	Composites, Including sunflowers and marigolds	Migratory from farther south, Sunny Open Areas, Usually near major rivers
Cloudless Sulphur		No	Sennas	Sunny Areas, Rare in the Chicago Area
Checkered White		Somewhat Reliant	Peppergrass	Prairies, Open Dry Areas, More common south of Chicago
Cabbage White	Yes	No	Members of Cabbage Family, Including Garlic Mustard	Open or lightly wooded areas. Many area and habitats, wet and dry. More habitat varieties than most other butterflies in Northern Illinois.
Sleepy Orange		Somewhat	Sennas	Rare in Northern Illinois. Roadside and open areas.
Olympia Marble Skipper		Yes - Very Reliant	Lyre Leaved Rock Cress	Poor soil areas, such as limestone, sand, or shale barrens, grasslands, and open cedar glades.
Mexican Yellow		Vagrant	Fern Acacia, Locusts, Legumes	Rare in Northern Illinois. Arid areas.
Coppers and Blues:				
Harvester		No	Woolly Aphids - Only Carnivorous Butterfly Larva.	Woodlands, especially near watercourses. Wet areas with alders.
Summer Azure		No	Dogwoods, Wild Black Cherry, New Jersey Tea, Sumacs	Open woodlands and nearby fields.
Spring Azure	Yes	No	Dogwoods, Wild Black Cherry, New Jersey Tea, Sumacs	Wide variety of habitats, including woodlands, bogs, pine barrens, swamps, and overgrown fields.
Eastern Tailed Blue	Yes	No	Clovers and Tick Trefoils	Open areas in general, especially disturbed areas.
Silvery Blue		Yes - Very Reliant	Vetchs, including Veiny Pea	Open oak savannas that contain host plants, open fields, dry prairies, dunes, and woodland openings.

BUTTERFLY SPECIES	SEEN AT MIDWIN	REMNANT RELIANT	LARVAL HOST PLANTS	HABITAT
Purplish Copper		Yes - Very Reliant	Water Knotweed	Open moist areas, and disturbed moist areas. Wet prairies. Only a few colonies in Illinois.
American Copper	Yes	No	Sheep Sorrel	Dry, disturbed areas with low or sparse vegetation. Sandy prairies. Power line cuts.
Bronze Copper	Yes	Yes - Very Reliant	Docks, particularly Water Dock	Low wet meadows, marshes, river flood plains. Fens, sedge meadows.
Great Gray Copper		Somewhat Reliant	Mexican Dock	Wet prairies. Occasionally found in disturbed areas. Roadside ditches. Moist meadows.
Hairstreaks:				
Coral Hairstreak	Yes	Somewhat Reliant	American Plum	Brushy fields, overgrown orchards and other overgrown semi-open areas.
Acadian Hairstreak		Somewhat Reliant	Willows	Open areas and thickets near streams. Marshy areas with willows.
Banded Hairstreak		Somewhat Reliant	Oaks, including Bur Oak	Open fields or glades adjacent to oak woodlands.
Edward's Hairstreak		Yes - Very Reliant	Oaks, including Black Oak	Woodlands with scrubby oaks and adjacent clearings, often areas with poor soils. Pine barrens. Rocky hill-tops. Prairie ridges.
Striped Hairstreak		Somewhat Reliant	Oaks, Plums, Hawthorns	Thickets. Woodland openings and brushy edges.
Gray Hairstreak		No	Huge Array of Plants, including Beans	Disturbed open areas. Wide variety of habitats.
Hickory Hairstreak		Somewhat Reliant	Hickories	Open fields or glades adjacent to deciduous woodlands. Prefers richer soil areas.
Hoary Elfin		Yes - Very Reliant	Bearberry (found mainly in sandy areas)	Dwarf pine barrens other barrens with good amounts of host plants.
White M Hairstreak		Unknown	Oaks	Open brushy areas adjacent to or within oak woodlands, especially on hilltops.
Red Banded Hairstreak		Unknown	Oaks, Sumacs	A wide variety of woodland openings and woodland edges. Brushy, overgrown sandy fields.
American Snout	Yes	No	Hackberry	Thickets and open woodlands with hackberry trees.
Brushfoots:				
Goatweed Leafwing		No	Goatweeds	Woodland edges. Abandoned farm fields. Roadsides. Migrant from farther south.
Hackberry Emperor	Yes	No	Hackberry	Woodlands with hackberry trees. Parks.
Tawny Emperor	Yes	Somewhat Reliant	Hackberry	Open woodlands with hackberry trees. More restricted to natural areas than Hackberry Emperors.
Common Buckeye	Yes	No	Plantains, Members of the figwort family	Open sunny areas. Migratory from farther south. Disturbed areas.

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Red Spotted Purple	Yes	No	Various trees, including cherry	Woodland areas, parks, riversides
Red Admiral	Yes	No	Nettles	Almost any sunny place.
Painted Lady	Yes	No	Large Array of Plants, including Thistles	Wide ranging over many habitats. Usually open habitats.
American Lady		No	Pussytoes	Open spaces, including fields, meadows, roadsides.
Viceroy	Yes - Not on Midewin D Route	Somewhat Reliant	Willows	Open areas adjacent to watercourses. Wet areas with willows.
Red Spotted Purple	Yes	No	Various trees, including Cherry	Woodland areas, parks, riversides
Mourning Cloak	Yes	No	Elm	Many habitats, including open areas and woodlands. Prefers hardwood forests. One of most widespread butterflies.
Milbert's Tortoiseshell		No	Nettles	Moist open fields, usually near woodlands.
Compton Tortoiseshell		Unknown	Willows, Birches, Aspens	Many woodland habitats.
Pearl Crescent	Yes	No	Asters	Open areas, fields, meadows, roadsides.
Eastern Comma	Yes	No	Hops	Woodlands and areas near woodlands
Question Mark	Yes	No	Elm	Woodlands and adjacent open areas. More wide-ranging away from woodlands than Eastern Comma.
Grey Comma		Somewhat Reliant	Black Currents	Rich deciduous woodlands with northern plant species. Uncommon in the Chicago area.
Meadow Fritillary	Yes	Yes - Very Reliant	Violets	Moist to mesic prairies.
Gulf Fritillary				Open scrub areas, coastal areas, gardens.
Silver Bordered Fritillary		Yes - Very Reliant	Violets	Bogs, wet meadows, wet prairies, marshes.
Variegated Fritillary		No	Violets	Open fields, coastal scrub areas.
Aphrodite Fritillary		Yes - Very Reliant	Violets	Wooded areas, moist prairies.
Great Spangled Fritillary	Yes	Somewhat Reliant	Violets	Open fields and meadows. Roadsides.
Regal Fritillary		Yes - Very Reliant	Violets	Tall-grass prairie, wet fields and meadows.
Baltimore Checkerspot		Yes - Very Reliant	Turtleweed, Penstemon, Swamp Betony, Valerian, Ash	Marshes, wet meadows with turtlehead.
Gorgone Checkerspot		Somewhat Reliant	Stiff Sunflower	Great variety of open areas.
Silvery Checkerspot		Somewhat Reliant	Wild Golden Glow, False Sunflower, Wingstem	Open deciduous woodlands and adjacent areas. Stream edges in open country.
Satyrs:				
Northern Pearly Eye		Somewhat Reliant	Grasses, including Bottlebrush Grass	Edges and glades of rocky deciduous woodlands, in the vicinity of streams and other water sources.
Eyed Brown	Yes	Yes - Very Reliant	Sedges	Wet meadows, marshes, and sedge meadows.
Little Wood Satyr	Yes	No	Grasses, including Orchard Grass	Grasslands near woodlands. Woodlands.
Common Wood Nymph	Yes	Somewhat Reliant	Grasses	Brushy fields, prairies, woodland edges.
Monarch	Yes	No	Milkweeds	Open fields, roadsides. While migrating, can be found anywhere.
Queen		Vagrant	Milkweeds of Texas and Southwestern States	Open areas, brushy fields, roadsides. Rare in Northern Illinois.