







# Common Butterflies of Minnesota



 <p><b>Black Swallowtail</b></p>  <p>Habitat: Open areas Host Plant: Umbelliferae; wild parsnip, wild carrot, parsley, dill Size: Medium - Large</p>	 <p><b>Tiger Swallow Tail</b></p>  <p>Habitat: Woods edge Host Plant: Cherry, aspen and other trees Size: Large</p>	 <p><b>Giant Swallowtail*</b></p>  <p>Habitat: Woodlands and open areas near woodlands Host Plant: Prickly ash Size: Very Large</p>
 <p><b>Clouded Sulphur *</b></p>  <p>Habitat: Open areas Host Plant: Clover, alfalfa Size: Medium</p>	 <p><b>Orange Sulfur *</b></p>  <p>Habitat: Open areas Host Plant: Alfalfa and relatives Size: Medium</p>	 <p><b>American Copper *</b></p> <p>(and other coppers)</p>  <p>Habitat: Dry grasslands Host Plant: Sorrel, dock and relatives Size: Tiny</p>
 <p><b>Great Spangled Fritillary *</b></p>  <p>Habitat: Grasslands, woods edge Host Plant: Violets Size: Large</p>	 <p><b>Checkerspots</b></p>  <p>Habitat: Wet grasslands Host Plant: Turtlehead, plantain Size: Medium</p>	 <p><b>Pearl Crescent</b></p>  <p>Habitat: Open areas Host Plant: Asters Size: Small to Medium</p>
 <p><b>American Lady</b></p>  <p>Habitat: Open areas with flowers Host Plant: Thistles and many other plants Size: Medium</p>	 <p><b>Question Mark</b></p>  <p>Habitat: Woods edge Host Plant: Elm, hackberry, nettles Size: Medium</p>	 <p><b>Eastern Comma</b></p>  <p>Habitat: Woods edge Host Plant: Elm, nettles Size: Medium</p>
 <p><b>Painted Lady</b></p>  <p>Habitat: Open areas with flowers Host Plant: Thistles and many other plants Size: Medium</p>	 <p><b>Monarch *</b></p>  <p>Habitat: Open areas Host Plant: Milkweed Size: Large</p>	 <p><b>Viceroy *</b></p>  <p>Habitat: Moist shrubby areas Host Plant: Willows, aspens, some fruit trees Size: Medium - Large</p>

**\* Discussion Ideas:**

Look for distinctive or bright colors. Look for patterns. Look for unique wing edges and shape. Look for dots and parts of the butterfly.

Host Plant noted is for the pupa/caterpillar stage as adult butterflies are generalists and will nectar on most flowers available.