



LEGEND

	Height of season (commonest)
	Start or end of flight (uncommon)
.....	Seen on one day (usually single)
27	Numbers refer to extreme dates
C	generally common
U	uncommon
VU	very uncommon
R	rare
L	local
M	migrant
HR	historical record (former resident)
?	status uncertain
a & b	recognized as one species

- 1 breeding migrant
- 2 occasionally breeding migrant
- 3 migrant with no evidence of breeding here
- 4 can often wander (or migrate)
- 5 strong migrational tendencies but full implications unclear
- 6 breeds here annually, likely renews through migration, at least initially
- 7 migrant that can occasionally overwinter here
- 8 partial migrant starting temporary or permanent colonies



The Toronto Region using a 30-mile (50KM) radius, centred at the Royal Ontario Museum. All species listed have occurred within these boundaries from 1867 through 2007.

The Butterflies of the Toronto Region

140 years of history



checklist and flight seasons

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Species		Status		Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Giant Swallowtail	<i>P. cresphontes</i>	U 3						20		30				
Eastern Tiger Swallowtail	<i>P.g. glaucus</i>	C				18				9				
Canadian Tiger Swallowtail	<i>P. canadensis</i>	U				20	8							
Spicebush Swallowtail	<i>P. troilus</i>	VU 8				22					23			
Checkered White	<i>P. protodice</i>	R 2 7						14			2			
Mustard (Veined) White	<i>P.o. oleracea</i>	UL			28					11				
West Virginia White	<i>P. virginensis</i>	VUL			3		27							
Cabbage White	<i>P. rapae</i>	C 5		24										24
Common (Clouded) Sulphur	<i>C.p. philodice</i>	C 5			18									4
Orange Sulphur (Alfalfa)	<i>C. eurytheme</i>	C 6			20									29
Southern Dogface	<i>Z. cesonia</i>	R 3				5		13						
Cloudless Sulphur	<i>P. s. eubule</i>	R 3						25				21		
Orange-banded Sulphur	<i>P. philea</i>	R 3					15							
Little Yellow	<i>P. lisa</i>	U 3					13					11		
Sleepy Orange	<i>A. nicippe</i>	R 3					14							
Harvester	<i>F. tarquinius</i>	UL				16					12			
American Copper	<i>L.p. americana</i>	VU				12					22			
Bronze Copper	<i>L. hyllus</i>	U					14				3			
Bog Copper	<i>L.e. michiganensis</i>	HR							7					
Purplish Copper	<i>L. helloides</i>	HR							24					
Acadian Hairstreak	<i>S.a. acadica</i>	C					17			21				
Coral Hairstreak	<i>S.t. titus</i>	U					18			10				
Edwards' Hairstreak	<i>S. edwardsii</i>	UL					16			29				
Banded Hairstreak	<i>S.c. falacer</i>	C					16			7				
Hickory Hairstreak	<i>S. caryaevorum</i>	VU					25			30				
Striped Hairstreak	<i>S.l. strigosum</i>	U					23			12				
Brown Elfin	<i>c.a. augustinus</i>	R				11		25						
Eastern Pine Elfin	<i>c.n. clarki</i>	U				3		17						
White-M Hairstreak	<i>P. m-album</i>	R 3								15				
Grey Hairstreak	<i>S.m. humuli</i>	VU 3						30				16		
Early Hairstreak	<i>E. laeta</i>	HR												
Eastern Tailed Blue	<i>C.c. comyntas</i>	C				3							1	
Spring Azure (a&b)	<i>C.l. ladon + lucia</i>	C				30				20				
Summer Azure	<i>C.n. neglecta</i>	C						7					3	
Cherry Gall Azure	<i>C. serotina</i>	VUL					24		14					
Silvery Blue	<i>G.l. couperi</i>	C				5				10				

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Melissa Blue	<i>L.m. samuelis</i>	HR			extirpated by 1926								
American Snout	<i>L.c. bachmanii</i>	VU 3					9	•	•	•	•	•	29
Variegated Fritillary	<i>E. claudia</i>	VU 3					6	•	•	•	•	•	20
Great Spangled Fritillary	<i>S.c. cybele</i>	C					2	•	•	•	•	•	22
Aphrodite Fritillary	<i>S.a. aphrodite</i>	VU					27	•	•	•	•	•	1
Atlantis Fritillary	<i>S.a. atlantis</i>	HR			extirpated approx. mid 1950								
Silver-bordered Fritillary	<i>B.s. atrocostalis</i>	VUL					19	•	•	•	•	•	26
Meadow Fritillary	<i>B.b. bellona</i>	U 8					7	•	•	•	•	•	10
Gorgone Checkerspot	<i>C.g. carlota</i>	HR						6	•	•	•	•	
Silvery Checkerspot	<i>C.n. nycteis</i>	VU 4					5	•	•	•	•	•	28
Pearl Crescent	<i>P. tharos</i>	C 4					30	•	•	•	•	•	15
Northern Crescent	<i>P. cocyta</i>	C 4					15	•	•	•	•	•	14
Tawny Crescent	<i>P.b. batesii</i>	HR						31	•	•	•	•	
Baltimore Checkerspot	<i>E.p. phaeton</i>	UL					9	•	•	•	•	•	31
Question Mark	<i>P. interrogationis</i>	C 1					29	•	•	•	•	•	21
Hop Merchant(Eastern Comma)	<i>P. comma</i>	C	8	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	22
Green Comma	<i>P.f. faunus</i>	RL					25	•	•	•	•	•	3
Grey Comma	<i>P. progne</i>	VU 4					25	•	•	•	•	•	27
Compton Tortoiseshell	<i>N.v. j-album</i>	U 4	8	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	8
Mourning Cloak	<i>N. antiopa</i>	C 4	25	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	20
Milbert's Tortoiseshell	<i>A.m. milberti</i>	VU 8					31	•	•	•	•	•	14
American Lady	<i>V. virginensis</i>	C 1					13	•	•	•	•	•	10
Painted Lady (Cosmopolite)	<i>V. cardui</i>	U 1					8	•	•	•	•	•	20
Red Admiral	<i>V.a. rubria</i>	C 17					24	•	•	•	•	•	14
Common Buckeye	<i>J.c. coenia</i>	U 1					3	•	•	•	•	•	2
White Admiral (a)	<i>L.a. arthemis</i>	C					5	•	•	•	•	•	16
Red-spotted Purple (b)	<i>L.a. astyanax</i>	U 8					30	•	•	•	•	•	8
Viceroy	<i>L. archippus</i>	CL					19	•	•	•	•	•	19
Tawny Emperor	<i>A.c. clyton</i>	VUL					15	•	•	•	•	•	1
Northern Pearly Eye	<i>E. anthedon</i>	CL					5	•	•	•	•	•	30
Eyed Brown	<i>S.e. eurydice</i>	UL					8	•	•	•	•	•	15
Appalachian Brown	<i>S.a. leeuwi</i>	U					19	•	•	•	•	•	15
Little Wood Satyr	<i>M.c. cymela</i>	C					19	•	•	•	•	•	17
Common Ringlet	<i>C.t. inornata</i>	C 4					17	•	•	•	•	•	6
Common Wood-Nymph	<i>C.p. nephele</i>	C					18	•	•	•	•	•	3
Monarch	<i>D. plexippus</i>	C 1					6	•	•	•	•	•	4