

Butterfly Watching Tips

Did you know a person who studies butterflies & moths is called a

Lepidopterist (lep-i-dop-ter-ist)?

Here are a few tips to help enhance your butterfly watching experience.

1. Reduce glare by wearing a hat & sunglasses.
2. Butterflies love open sunny spots to warm their flight muscles (this is called **basking**). Butterflies are most active on sunny windless days.
3. When photographing butterflies approach them quietly.
4. Take a notebook & colored pencils to draw & record what you see.
5. Binoculars can be helpful especially ones which can focus from a distance of less than 6 feet.

Butterfly Terminology

Flutter: a group of butterflies.

Metamorphosis: The process by which a caterpillar changes into a butterfly.

Proboscis: a long, tube-like tongue that allows butterflies to soak up their food rather than sip it.

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Butterflies of Regional Park Identification Guide



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BUTTERFLY BINGO

How many Butterflies can you identify?
Check them off as you find them.

1. Ornythion Swallowtail (*papilio ornythion*)
2. Zebra Heliconian (*heliconius charithonia*)
April-October
3. Goatweed Leafwing (*Anaea andria*)
March-October
4. Great Purple Hairstreak (*Atlides halesus*)
May-October
5. Monarch (*Danaus plexippus*) April-October
6. Lantana Scrub Hairstreak (*Strymon bazochii*) April- October
7. Fiery Skipper (*Hylephila phyleus*) July-
October
8. White Striped Longtail (*Chioides albofasciatus*) March- October
9. Eastern Tiger Swallowtail (*Papilio glaucus*) March-October
10. Buckeye Butterfly (*Junonia coenia*)
April-October
11. Reakirt's Blue (*Hemiargus isola*) June-July
12. Tropical Checkered Skipper (*Pyrrhus oileus*) June-October



Did you know? Butterflies can live in the adult stage from anywhere between a week and a year, depending on the species.

Fun Factoid: Butterflies often have brightly colored wings with unique patterns made up of tiny scales.