

**Spreadwing Skippers**  
(*Pyrginae*)

	SP	S	F
— Silver-spotted Skipper <i>Epargyreus clarus</i>	u	u	u
— Long-tailed Skipper <i>Urbanus proteus</i>	-	c	a
— Horace's Duskywing <i>Erynnis horatius</i>	c	a	u
— Zarucco Duskywing <i>Erynnis zarucco</i>	u	c	u
— White Checkered Skipper - <i>Pyrgus albescens</i>	r	u	u
— Tropical Checkered Skipper <i>Pyrgus oileus</i>	r	u	c

**Grass Skippers**  
(*Hesperiinae*)

	SP	S	F
— Clouded Skipper <i>Lerema accius</i>	r	r	u
— Fiery Skipper <i>Hylephila phyleus</i>	u	a	a
— Whirlabout <i>Polites vibex</i>	u	c	c
— Dun Skipper <i>Euphyes vestris</i>	u	u	u
— Eufala Skipper <i>Lerodea eufala</i>	-	u	c
— Twin-spot Skimmer <i>Oligoria maculata</i>	r	u	u
— Salt Marsh Skipper <i>Panoquina panoquin</i>	c	u	c
— Ocola Skipper <i>Panoquina ocola</i>	-	r	c

**Giant Skippers**  
(*Megathyminae*)

	SP	S	F
— Yucca Giant-Skipper <i>Megathymus yuccae</i>	r	-	-



**A note on butterfly abundance**

The patterns of butterfly populations and migration are still very much a mystery. Some years will bring unusually large numbers of butterflies to Kiawah that are normally restricted to different habitats or states. Many butterflies hatch in seasonal broods, so a species that is abundant one week may be difficult to find the next week.

In addition, there are a few local species that are limited to habitats and host plants that are difficult to access. These species will rarely visit butterfly gardens.

Thus the ratings of seasonal abundance reflect the number of butterflies easily seen in gardens, fields, and forests— not necessarily the number of butterflies present.

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**KIAWAH ISLAND  
BUTTERFLY  
CHECKLIST**

**2ND EDITION  
UPDATED OCTOBER 2009**

PLEASE REPORT ANY BUTTERFLIES  
NOT ON THIS LIST TO THE  
NATURALISTS AT HERON PARK  
NATURE CENTER: 843.768.6001



**CHECKLIST KEY**

**Seasonal Appearances**

SP - Spring— March to May  
S - Summer - June to September  
F - Fall - September to November

**Seasonal Abundance**

a - abundant - a common species seen in proportionally high numbers  
c - common - usually seen in suitable habitat  
u - uncommon - usually present but not certain to be seen  
r - rare - regularly seen at intervals of 2-5 years, sometimes in high numbers  
x - accidental - seen at intervals of 6 years or more.

# KIAWAH ISLAND BUTTERFLY LIST



<b>Swallowtails</b> ( <i>Papilioninae</i> )				
	SP	S	F	
___ Pipevine Swallowtail <i>Battus philenor</i>	r	r	r	
___ Black Swallowtail <i>Papilio polyxenes</i>	c	c	c	
___ Giant Swallowtail <i>Papilio cresphontes</i>	-	u	u	
___ Eastern Tiger Swallowtail <i>Papilio glaucus</i>	u	u	u	
___ Spicebush Swallowtail <i>Papilio troilus</i>	u	u	u	
___ Palamedes Swallowtail <i>Papilio palamedes</i>	a	a	a	

<b>Whites</b> ( <i>Pierinae</i> )				
	SP	S	F	
___ Cabbage White <i>Pieris rapae</i>	c	a	c	

<b>Sulphurs</b> ( <i>Coliadinae</i> )				
	SP	S	F	
___ Cloudless Sulphur <i>Phoebis sennae</i>	c	a	a	
___ Little Yellow <i>Pyristia lisa</i>	-	c	c	
___ Sleepy Orange <i>Abaeis nicippe</i>	u	c	c	

<b>Hairstreaks</b> ( <i>Theclinae</i> )				
	SP	S	F	
___ Juniper Hairstreak <i>Callophrys gryneus</i>	r	r	-	
___ Banded Hairstreak <i>Satyrrium titus</i>	u	u	-	
___ Oak Hairstreak <i>Satyrrium favonius</i>	r	r	-	

___ White M Hairstreak <i>Parrhasius m-album</i>	r	r	r	
___ Gray Hairstreak <i>Strymon melinus</i>	u	c	u	

<b>Blues</b> ( <i>Polyommatae</i> )				
	SP	S	F	
___ Eastern Pygmy Blue <i>Brephidium isophthalma</i>	-	u	u	
___ Cassius Blue <i>Leptotes cassius</i>	-	u	u	
___ Spring Azure <i>Celastrina ladon</i>	r	-	-	
___ Summer Azure <i>Celastrina neglecta</i>	r	u	-	
___ Holly Azure <i>Celastrina idella</i>	u	-	-	

<b>Snouts</b> ( <i>Libytheinae</i> )				
	SP	S	F	
___ American Snout <i>Libytheana carinenta</i>	u	u	-	

<b>Heliconians and Fritillaries</b> ( <i>Heliconiinae</i> )				
	SP	S	F	
___ Gulf Fritillary <i>Agraulis vanillae</i>	-	-	a	
___ Zebra Longwings <i>Heliconius charithonia</i>	-	r	r	
___ Variegated Fritillary <i>Euptoieta claudia</i>	r	u	u	

<b>True Brushfoots</b> ( <i>Nymphalinae</i> )				
	SP	S	F	
___ Question Mark <i>Polygona interrogationis</i>	u	u	u	

___ American Lady <i>Vanessa virginiensis</i>	c	c	c	
___ Painted Lady <i>Vanessa cardui</i>	-	r	r	
___ Red Admiral <i>Vanessa atalanta</i>	u	u	u	
___ Common Buckeye <i>Junonia coenia</i>	c	c	c	
___ White Peacock <i>Anartia jatrophae</i>	-	r	r	
___ Phaon Crescent <i>Phyciodes tharos</i>	a	c	a	

<b>Admirals</b> ( <i>Limnithidinae</i> )				
	SP	S	F	
___ Red-spotted Purple <i>Limnithis arthemis</i>	u	u	r	
___ Viceroy <i>Limnithis archippus</i>	u	c	u	

<b>Emperors</b> ( <i>Apaturinae</i> )				
	SP	S	F	
___ Hackberry Emperor <i>Asterocampa celtis</i>	r	r	r	

<b>Satyrs</b> ( <i>Satyrinae</i> )				
	SP	S	F	
___ Carolina Satyr <i>Hermeuptychia sosybius</i>	c	u	c	

<b>Milkweed Butterflies</b> ( <i>Apaturinae</i> )				
	SP	S	F	
___ Monarch <i>Danaus plexippus</i>	u	u	c	
___ Queen <i>Danaus gilippus</i>	-	r	u	