Backyard Butterflies of Central Florida

Butterflies with Orange Coloration - From the largest (monarch) to smallest (pearl crescent and little metalmark), look for these species in parks and gardens, fields, forest edges, on roadsides, streambanks, and shorelines.



Monarch Danaus plexippus



Viceroy Limenitis archippus



Queen Danaus gilippus



Gulf Fritillary Agraulis vanillae



Red Admiral Vanessa atalanta



American Lady Vanessa virginiensis



Painted Lady Vanessa cardul



Tawney Emperor Asterocampa clyton



Hackberry Emperor Asterocampa celtis



Variegated Fritillary Euptoieta claudia



White Peacock Anartia jatrophae



Common Buckeye Junonia coenia



American Snout Libytheana carinenta



Fiery Skipper Hylephila phyleus



Pearl Crescent Phyciodes tharos



Calephelis virginiensis

Whites and Sulphurs - Most species of family Pieridae are white, yellow, or orange; some with black markings.



Great Southern White Ascia monuste



Cloudless Sulphur Phoebis sennae



Orange-barred Sulphur Phoebis philea



Southern Dogface Zerene cesonia



Little Yellow Eurema lisa



"Exceptional"s - Look for the zebra heliconian, Florida's state butterfly, in shaded woodland edges. The giant luna isn't a butterfly, but with luck you may spy this moth by day. Red-spotted purples mimic the distasteful pipevine swallowtails.



Zebra Heliconian *Heliconius charithonia*



Luna MothActias luna



Red-spotted Purple *Limenitis arthemis*



Zebra Swallowtail *Eurytides marcellus*



Giant SwallowtailPapilio cresphontes



Eastern Tiger Swallowtail Papilio glaucus



Pipevine SwallowtailBattus philenor



members of family Papilionidae have tail-like projections that

extend from the hindwings.



Polydamas Swallowtail Papilio cresphontes



Palamedes Swallowtail Papilio palamedes



Black Swallowtail
Papilio polyxenes



Spicebush Swallowtail Papilio troilus

Skippers, Duskywings, Satyrs, Daggerwings, Hairstreaks, & Blues - These are generally smaller, and well camouflaged in earth tones. But some hide brilliant hues in folded wings.



Long-tailed Skipper
Urbanus proteus



Silver-spotted Skipper Epargyreus clarus



Horace's Duskywing
Erynnis horatius



Little Wood Satyr Megisto cymela



Carolina Satyr Hermeuptychia sosybius



Great Purple
Hairstreak
Atlidea halesus



Gray Hairstreak Strymon melinus



Ceraunus Blue Hemiargus ceraunus

