

Butterfly Identification

Female and male butterflies may have distinctly different markings. Look for small clues in appearance, noted below, and use “geographical cheating” by knowing which butterflies like to be around which plants using the guide at www.corkscrewsanctuary.org/Wildlife/Insects/profiles/Butterfly_plants.pdf .



Queen: no white spots on hindwing black border
Soldier: white spots on hindwing black border
Viceroy: visible veining; line through hindwing
Monarch: visible veining; no line through hindwing



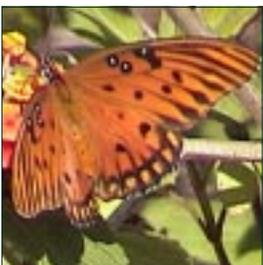
Black Swallowtail: royal blue on hindwing
Palamedes Swallowtail: solid yellow band on hindwing
Spicebush Swallowtail: azure on hindwing
Giant Swallowtail: yellow bar also on forewing



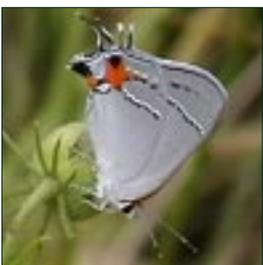
Zebra Swallowtail: black and WHITE striped
Tiger Swallowtail: black and yellow striped
Polydamus Swallowtail: no swallow tails
Great Southern White: white on top with dark border



Cloudless Sulphur: bright yellow above
Large Orange Sulphur: bright orange above
Orange-barred Sulphur: pink patch above; pinkish under
Orange Sulphur: black dots below; black edges above



Gulf Fritillary: black & white shiny dots on forewings
Variegated Fritillary: no shiny dots; drab below
Pearl Crescent: small; orange with black pattern
Phaon Crescent: small; light patches on forewing tops



Gray Hairstreak: large orange marginal spot
Red-banded Hairstreak: red band on both wings
White Hairstreak: round red spot; white spots inward
Fulvous Hairstreak: dark bands with no white; white spots inward

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Identifying skippers can be uncommonly difficult for many species. Look for very tiny differences in color and thickness of wing borders, dark blotches or lack thereof, and body color. Males and females may have totally different appearances. Refer to Plates 26-42 in the field guide *Butterflies through Binoculars* for more photos and more thorough descriptions.



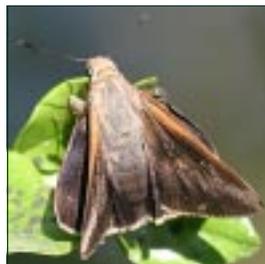
Zebra Longwing: black and pale yellow stripes
Julia: longwing shape; solid orange; female w/black
Ruddy Daggerwing: orange lines down wings; tailed
Carolina Satyr: large eye spots, orange border



White Peacock: big white blotch on wing
Common Buckeye: large eye spots, orange border
Red Admiral: dark with orange bars, edges
Morning Cloak: dark with wide light band at edges



Brazilian Skipper: 3-4 translucent wing spots
Silver-spotted Skipper: big white blotch on wing
Long-tailed Skipper: blue on body, wing bases
Dorantes Skipper: no blue on body, wing bases



Delaware Skipper: clear bright orange under
Fiery Skipper: small dark spots on orange
Least Skipper: tiny; weak flight; rounded wings
Monk Skipper: dark red-orange below, chestnut above



Ocola Skipper: long narrow wings
Palatka Skipper: very large; rusty brown color
Palmetto Skipper: large; orange; golden head
Twin-spot Skipper: winter only; dark brown; two (twin) spots together



Whirlabout: smudged dark spots
Southern Skipperling: tiny; narrow white ray on hindwings
Tropical Checker Skipper: white and tan pattern
Cassius Blue: zebra striped; pale bluish background