

Host Plants for Butterfly Caterpillars

(No Plants for Caterpillar – No Butterflies)

Butterfly	Specific Plant(s) that Feeds Butterfly Caterpillar
SWALLOWTAILS	
Black Swallowtail	Zizia , Wild Carrot (Queen Anne’s Lace), Parsley, Dill, Fennel
Eastern Tiger Swallowtail	Tulip Poplar (Liriodendron), Wild Black Cherry (Prunus), Sassafras
Spicebush Swallowtail	Spicebush (Lindera), Sassafras, Tulip Poplar
BRUSHFOOTS	
Monarch	Milkweed (Asclepias tuberosa, A. seriaca, A. incarnata)
Mourning Cloak	Willow (Salix), Birch (Betula), Elm (Ulmus), Cottonwood (Populus)
Viceroy	Willow, Cottonwood
Painted Lady	Thistle, Hollyhock, Borage, other composites
American Lady	Pearly Everlasting (Anaphalis), Pussytoes (Antennaria), composites
Red-spotted Purple	Wild Black Cherry, Poplar (Populus), Birch
Red Admiral	Nettles (Urtica), False Nettles (Boehmeria)
Eastern Comma (Angelwing)	Nettles, False Nettles, Hackberry (Celtis), Hops (Humulus)
Question Mark (Angelwing)	Elm, Willow, Nettles, False Nettles, Hackberry, Hops
Checkerspots	Asters, Sunflowers, Beardtongue (Penstemon), Indian Paintbrush
Baltimore Checkerspot	Turtlehead (Chelone), Plantain
Pearl Crescent	Asters (Symphyotrichum, Doellingeria, Eurbia, Ionactis,)
Fritillaries	Violet (Viola), Willow, Blueberry (Vaccinium)
Common Buckeye	Snapdragon, Turtlehead, Monkey Flower (Mimulus), Plantain
GOSSAMER WINGS	
Coral & Striped Hairstreaks	Wild Black Cherry
Banded Hairstreak	Oak (Quercus), Walnut (Juglans), Hickory (Carya)
Edward’s Hairstreak	Oak
Juniper Hairstreak	Eastern Red-cedar (Juniperus)
American Copper	Curled Dock, Sheep-sorrel
Eastern Tailed Blue	Clover & Alfalfa, Vetches, other Legumes, Lupine (Lupinus)
Spring Azure	Variety of trees & shrubs including Dogwood (Swida,Cornus), NJ Tea (Ceanonthus), Viburnum, Wild Cherry, Meadowsweet (Spirea)
Harvesters	Larvae do not eat plants. These caterpillars feed on Wooley Aphids.
WHITES & YELLOWS	
Cabbage Whites	Plants in mustard family: Cabbage, Broccoli; Nasturtium
Yellows	Sennas, Legumes
Clouded Sulphur	Clover, Alfalfa
SKIPPERS	
Silver-spotted Skipper	Legumes, False Indigo
Grass Skippers	Little Blue Stem (Schizachyrium), Panic Grass (Panicum)
Common Wood Nymph	Purple-top Grass (Tridens), Sedges (Carex)
Juvenal’s Duskywing	Oak