



Butterflies of Shenandoah

There are 82 species of butterfly seen in the park including large showy species such as the eastern tiger swallowtail (*Papilio glaucus*) and great spangled fritillary (*Speyeria cybele*), but also small hairstreaks, coppers, skippers and blues. Most butterflies are likely to reveal themselves to a patient observer in open areas such as Big Meadows and along Skyline Drive, but some, such as mourning cloaks may be encountered in the forest.

This list was compiled using the NPSpecies database in January 2023. You can find the most up-to-date information, as well as expanded definitions of the tags at: <https://irma.nps.gov/NPSpecies/>.

Abundance (Abd): Abundant (A), Common (C), Uncommon (Uc), Rare (R), Occasional (O), Unknown (U).

Season: when species is most easily encountered. Spring (Sp) is March - May, Summer (S) is June - August, Fall (F) is September - October, Winter (W) is November - February.

Habitat: Aquatic (AQ), Cultural (CU), Forest Edge (FE), Meadow (ME), Mesic forest (MF), Rock Outcrop (RO), Shrub/Scrub (SS), Wetland (WL), Xeric forest (XF), Park-wide (PW).

Seasonality (Seas): whether or not a species reproduces in Shenandoah National Park. Breeder (B), Resident (R), Migratory (M), Vagrant (V), Not Applicable (blank).

Rarity Rank (Rnk): any combination of global (G) rarity and state (S) rarity from 1-5. Critically imperiled (G1 or S1), imperiled (G2 or S2), vulnerable (G3 or S3), apparently secure (G4 or S4), secure (G5 or S5). You may also see: inexact numeric rank (?), questionable taxonomy (Q), subspecies status (T), or unranked (blank).

	Abd	Season				Habitat	Seas	Rnk
		Sp	S	F	W			
Sleepy Orange <i>Abaeis nicippe</i>	Uc	•	•	•		ME		G5
Hoary-Edge Skipper <i>Achalarus lyciades</i>	O	•	•			ME XF		G4G5 S5
Least Skipper <i>Ancyloxypha numitor</i>	C	•	•	•		ME WL		G5 S5
Falcate Orangetip <i>Anthocharis midea</i>	C	•				ME,MF XF		G4G5 S4
Hackberry Emperor <i>Asterocampa celtis</i>	Uc	•	•			ME MF		G5 S5
Tawny Emperor <i>Asterocampa clyton</i>	Uc		•	•		MF		G5 S5
Sachem <i>Atalopedes campestris</i>	A		•	•		ME		G5 S5
Pipewine Swallowtail <i>Battus philenor</i>	Uc	•	•	•		ME MF		G5 S5
Meadow Fritillary <i>Boloria bellona</i>	C	•	•	•		ME		G5 S5
Brown Elfin <i>Callophrys augustinus</i>	Uc	•				ME		G5 S4
Juniper Hairstreak <i>Callophrys gryneus</i>	Uc	•	•			ME XF		G5 S4
Henry's Elfin <i>Callophrys henrici</i>	O	•				ME XF		G5 S4
Eastern Pine Elfin <i>Callophrys niphon</i>	O	•				ME XF		G5 S4
Red-Banded Hair-streak (<i>Calycopis cecrops</i>)	C	•	•	•		ME		G5 S5
Spring Azure <i>Celastrina ladon</i>	A	•				ME MF		G4G5 S5
Northern Azure <i>Celastrina lucia</i>	O	•				ME,MF XF		G5
Summer Azure <i>Celastrina neglecta</i>	A	•	•			ME MF		G5 S5
Appalachian Azure <i>Celastrina neglectamajor</i>	Uc	•				MF		G4 S4
Cherry Gall Azure <i>Celastrina serotina</i>	O	•				ME MF		G5 S2S4
Common Wood Nymph <i>Cercyonis pegala</i>	A		•	•		PW		G5 S5
Silvery Checkerspot <i>Chlosyne nycteis</i>	A	•	•			ME,MF WL		G5 S4
Orange Sulphur <i>Colias eurytheme</i>	A	•	•	•		ME		G5 S5
Clouded Sulphur <i>Colias philodice</i>	A	•	•	•		ME		G5 S5
Monarch <i>Danaus plexippus</i>	C	•	•	•		ME		G5 S4
Northern Pearly Eye <i>Enodia anthedon</i>	Uc		•			ME MF		G5 S4
Silver-Spotted Skipper <i>Epargyreus clarus</i>	A	•	•	•		ME,MF WL		G5 S5
Early Hairstreak <i>Erora laeta</i>	O	•	•			ME MF		G2 S2
Wild Indigo Dusky-wing (<i>Erynnis baptisiae</i>)	C	•	•	•		ME RO		G5 S5



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	Abd	Sp	S	F	W				Abd	Sp	S	F	W				
Sleepy Duskywing <i>Erynnis brizo</i>	Uc	•				ME,RO XF		G5 S5	Cloudless Sulphur <i>Phoebe sennae</i>	O		•	•		ME		G5
Horace's Duskywing <i>Erynnis horatius</i>	C	•	•	•		ME		G5 S5	Common Sootywing <i>Pholisora catullus</i>	Uc	•	•	•		ME		G5 S5
Dreamy Duskywing <i>Erynnis icelus</i>	C	•				ME MF		G5 S5	Pearl Crescent <i>Phyciodes tharos</i>	A	•	•	•		ME		G5 S5
Juvenal's Duskywing <i>Erynnis juvenalis</i>	C	•				ME,MF XF		G5 S5	Cabbage White <i>Pieris rapae</i>	A	•	•	•		ME WL		G5
Baltimore Checkerspot <i>Euphydryas phaeton</i>	R		•			ME WL		G4 S2S4	West Virginia White <i>Pieris virginiensis</i>	R	•				ME		G2G3 S3
Dun Skipper <i>Euphyes vestris</i>	C		•	•		ME MF		G5 S5	Hobomok Skipper <i>Poanes hobomok</i>	C	•	•			ME MF		G5 S4S5
Variegated Fritillary <i>Euptoieta claudia</i>	Uc		•	•		ME		G5 S5	Zabulon Skipper <i>Poanes zabulon</i>	A	•	•	•		ME MF		G5 S5
Zebra Swallowtail <i>Eurytides marcellus</i>	C	•	•			ME,MF WL		G5 S5	Crossline Skipper <i>Polites origenes</i>	Uc	•	•	•		ME		G4G5 S5
Eastern Tailed Blue <i>Everes comyntas</i>	A	•	•	•		ME		G5 S5	Peck's Skipper <i>Polites peckius</i>	A	•	•	•		ME		G5 S5
Harvester <i>Feniseca tarquinius</i>	R	•	•	•		MF WL		G4 S4	Eastern Comma <i>Polygonia comma</i>	C	•	•	•	•	ME,MF WL		G5 S5
Silvery Blue <i>Glaucoopsyche lygdamus</i>	R	•				XF		G5 S3S4	Question Mark <i>Polygonia interrogationis</i>	C	•	•	•		ME MF		G5 S5
Indian Skipper <i>Hesperia sassacus</i>	R	•	•			ME		G4G5 S4	Gray Comma <i>Polygonia progne</i>	O	•	•	•		MF		G4G5 S4
Common Buckeye <i>Junonia coenia</i>	C		•	•		ME		G5 S5	Little Glassywing <i>Pompeius verna</i>	C	•	•	•		ME MF		G5 S5
American Snout <i>Libytheana carinenta</i>	Uc	•	•	•		ME,MF WL		G5 S5	Checkered White <i>Pontia protodice</i>	O	•	•	•		ME		G4 S4
Viceroy <i>Limenitis archippus</i>	O	•	•	•		ME WL		G5 S5	Common Checkered Skipper <i>Pyrgus communis</i>	Uc		•	•		ME		G5 S5
Red-Spotted Purple <i>Limenitis arthemis</i> <i>astyanax</i>	A	•	•			ME MF		G5 S5	Little Yellow <i>Pyrisitia lisa</i>	O		•	•		ME		G5 S5
American Copper <i>Lycaena phlaeas</i>	C	•	•	•		ME		G5 S5	Banded Hairstreak <i>Satyrium calanus</i>	Uc		•			ME MF		G5 S5
Little Wood Satyr <i>Megisto cymela</i>	Uc	•	•			ME MF		G5 S5	Hickory Hairstreak <i>Satyrium caryaevorum</i>	R		•			ME MF		G4
Dainty Sulphur <i>Nathalis iole</i>	O	•	•	•		ME		G5	Striped Hairstreak <i>Satyrium liparops</i>	R		•			ME MF		G5 S4
Mourning Cloak <i>Nymphalis antiopa</i>	C	•	•	•	•	ME,MF WL		G5 S5	Aphrodite Fritillary <i>Speyeria aphrodite</i>	Uc		•	•		ME		G5 S5
Appalachian Tiger Swallowtail <i>Papilio appalachiensis</i>	O	•				ME MF		G5 S4	Great Spangled Fritillary (<i>Speyeria cybele</i>)	A		•	•		ME WL		G5 S5
Giant Swallowtail <i>Papilio cresphontes</i>	O	•	•	•		ME		G5 S5	Hayhurst's Scallopwing <i>Staphylus hayhurstii</i>	O	•	•			MF WL		G5 S4
Eastern Tiger Swallowtail <i>Papilio glaucus</i>	A	•	•	•		ME,MF WL		G5 S5	Gray Hairstreak <i>Strymon melinus</i>	Uc	•	•	•		ME		G5 S5
Palamedes Swallowtail <i>Papilio palamedes</i>	O	•	•	•		MF WL		G4 S4	Northern Cloudywing <i>Thorybes pylades</i>	O	•	•			ME		G5 S5
Black Swallowtail <i>Papilio polyxenes</i>	C	•	•	•		ME WL		G5 S5	Red Admiral <i>Vanessa atalanta</i>	C	•	•	•		ME		G5 S5
Spicebush Swallowtail <i>Papilio troilus</i>	A	•	•	•		MF WL		G4 S5	Painted Lady <i>Vanessa cardui</i>	Uc	•	•	•		ME		G5 S5
White-M Hairstreak <i>Parrhasius m-album</i>	Uc	•	•	•		ME		G5 S4	American Lady <i>Vanessa virginiensis</i>	C	•	•	•		ME		G5 S5