



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
Pipeline 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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Sleepy Duskywing <i>Erynnis brizo</i>	Uc	•				ME,RO XF	G5 S5	
Horace's Duskywing <i>Erynnis horatius</i>	C	•	•	•		ME	G5 S5	
Dreamy Duskywing <i>Erynnis icelus</i>	C	•				ME MF	G5 S5	
Juvenal's Duskywing <i>Erynnis juvenalis</i>	C	•				ME,MF XF	G5 S5	
Baltimore Checkerspot <i>Euphydryas phaeton</i>	R		•			ME WL	G4 S2S4	
Dun Skipper <i>Euphyes vestris</i>	C		•	•		ME MF	G5 S5	
Variegated Fritillary <i>Euptoieta claudia</i>	Uc		•	•		ME	G5 S5	
Zebra Swallowtail <i>Eurytides marcellus</i>	C	•	•			ME,MF WL	G5 S5	
Eastern Tailed Blue <i>Everes comyntas</i>	A	•	•	•		ME	G5 S5	
Harvester <i>Feniseca tarquinius</i>	R	•	•	•		MF WL	G4 S4	
Silvery Blue <i>Glaucopsyche lygdamus</i>	R	•				XF	G5 S3S4	
Indian Skipper <i>Hesperia sassacus</i>	R	•	•			ME	G4G5 S4	
Common Buckeye <i>Junonia coenia</i>	C		•	•		ME	G5 S5	
American Snout <i>Libytheana carinenta</i>	Uc	•	•	•		ME,MF WL	G5 S5	
Viceroy <i>Limenitis archippus</i>	O	•	•	•		ME WL	G5 S5	
Red-Spotted Purple <i>Limenitis arthemis astyanax</i>	A	•	•			ME MF	G5 S5	
American Copper <i>Lycæna phlaeas</i>	C	•	•	•		ME	G5 S5	
Little Wood Satyr <i>Megisto cymela</i>	Uc	•	•			ME MF	G5 S5	
Dainty Sulphur <i>Nathalis iole</i>	O	•	•	•		ME	G5	
Mourning Cloak <i>Nymphalis antiopa</i>	C	•	•	•		ME,MF WL	G5 S5	
Appalachian Tiger Swallowtail <i>Papilio appalachiensis</i>	O	•				ME MF	G5 S4	
Giant Swallowtail <i>Papilio cresphontes</i>	O	•	•	•		ME	G5 S5	
Eastern Tiger Swallowtail <i>Papilio glaucus</i>	A	•	•	•		ME,MF WL	G5 S5	
Palamedes Swallowtail <i>Papilio palamedes</i>	O	•	•	•		MF WL	G4 S4	
Black Swallowtail <i>Papilio polyxenes</i>	C	•	•	•		ME WL	G5 S5	
Spicebush Swallowtail <i>Papilio troilus</i>	A	•	•	•		MF WL	G4 S5	
White-M Hairstreak <i>Parrhasius m-album</i>	Uc	•	•	•		ME	G5 S4	

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Cloudless Sulphur <i>Phoebis sennae</i>	O		•	•		ME		G5
Common Sootywing <i>Pholisora catullus</i>	Uc	•	•	•		ME		G5 S5
Pearl Crescent <i>Phyciodes tharos</i>	A	•	•	•		ME		G5 S5
Cabbage White <i>Pieris rapae</i>	A	•	•	•		ME WL		G5
West Virginia White <i>Pieris virginensis</i>	R	•				ME		G2G3 S3
Hobomok Skipper <i>Poanes hobomok</i>	C	•	•			ME MF		G5 S4S5
Zabulon Skipper <i>Poanes zabulon</i>	A	•	•	•		ME MF		G5 S5
Crossline Skipper <i>Polites origenes</i>	Uc	•	•	•		ME		G4G5 S5
Peck's Skipper <i>Polites peckius</i>	A	•	•	•		ME		G5 S5
Eastern Comma <i>Polygonia comma</i>	C	•	•	•	•	ME,MF WL		G5 S5
Question Mark <i>Polygonia interrogationis</i>	C	•	•	•		ME MF		G5 S5
Gray Comma <i>Polygonia progne</i>	O	•	•	•		MF		G4G5 S4
Little Glassywing <i>Pompeius verna</i>	C	•	•	•		ME MF		G5 S5
Checkered White <i>Pontia protodice</i>	O	•	•	•		ME		G4 S4
Common Checkered Skipper <i>Pyrgus communis</i>	Uc		•	•		ME		G5 S5
Little Yellow <i>Pyrisitia lisa</i>	O		•	•		ME		G5 S5
Banded Hairstreak <i>Satyrium calanus</i>	Uc		•			ME MF		G5 S5
Hickory Hairstreak <i>Satyrium caryaevorum</i>	R		•			ME MF		G4
Striped Hairstreak <i>Satyrium liparops</i>	R		•			ME MF		G5 S4
Aphrodite Fritillary <i>Speyeria aphrodite</i>	Uc		•	•		ME		G5 S5
Great Spangled Fritillary <i>(Speyeria cybele)</i>	A		•	•		ME WL		G5 S5
Hayhurst's Scallopwing <i>Staphylus hayhurstii</i>	O	•	•			MF WL		G5 S4
Gray Hairstreak <i>Strymon melinus</i>	Uc	•	•	•		ME		G5 S5
Northern Cloudywing <i>Thorybes pylades</i>	O	•	•			ME		G5 S5
Red Admiral <i>Vanessa atalanta</i>	C	•	•	•		ME		G5 S5
Painted Lady <i>Vanessa cardui</i>	Uc	•	•	•		ME		G5 S5
American Lady <i>Vanessa virginensis</i>	C	•	•	•		ME		G5 S5