

## WILDLIFE SPECIES IDENTIFICATION GUIDE

## **INVERTBRATES**

Common Name	Image	Description	Call
Spring azure		Spring Azure Butterflies are about 1inch in width. The underside of their wings is off-white to pale blue in color and lacks any strong or distinctive markings or spots. The top of the wings is a bright blue in males and is somewhat duller in females.	N/A
Common wood-nymph		Wings are brown. Upperside of forewing has 2 large yellow-ringed eyespots. Lowerside of hindwing has a variable number of small eyespots.	N/A
Common ringlet		Wing color may range from dark orange-brown to pale cream, while the underside of the hindwing is gray-green with a wavy white median line and the underside of the forewing usually has a small eyespot near its tip. Common ringlet wingspan is about 1-1/4 to 1-1/2 inches across.	N/A

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Orange sulphur		Upperside of male yellow with orange overlay, yellow veins, wide black border, and dark black cell spot. Female yellow or white with irregular black border surrounding light spots. Underside hindwing spot silver with 2 concentric dark rings, and a spot above it.	N/A
Monarch		Upperside of male is orange with black borders and black veins; hindwing has a patch of scent scales. Upperside of female is orange-brown with black borders and blurred black veins. Both have white spots on borders and apex.	N/A
Viceroy		The viceroy butterfly is dark orange with black veins. A row of white spots edge its wings. Its color and pattern mimics the monarch butterfly's pattern except for a black horizontal stripe that crosses the bottom of its back wings. The viceroy caterpillar is white and olive-brown.	N/A
Dun skipper		Mainly a black species with just a hint of a lighter spot band on the hindwing. Both the male and female are very dark from above. The male has a barely-visible stigma that blends in with the dark color of the wings, while the female usually has two very tiny light spots in the middle of the forewing. In good light and especially in fresh specimens the head of the Dun Skipper is golden brown.	N/A
American copper		The forewing above is orange with black spots and a grayish-black border. The hind wing above is mainly dark gray with an orange border. Below, the front wing is similar to the upper surface but a lighter shade of orange, while the hind wing below is a much lighter shade of gray, with black dots throughout and a zigzag submarginal line.	N/A

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Little wood-satyr		Above, brown butterfly with two prominent eyespots on the forewing and on the hindwing, usually one or two eyespots on the male and two on the female. In addition, there may be an additional smaller spot near the body. Below, there are two distinct lines across both wings, two eyespots on the forewing, and two large eyespots on the hindwing as well as several smaller ones.	N/A
Mourning cloak		Above, brownish/red color with a wide yellow margin, and a row of blue submarginal spots. Individuals seen in May or June are fairly worn, having lost their bright colors, and often appear dull brown, with their yellow border faded to white. Below, this species is brown with a white border, very well camouflaged among leaves and on tree trunks.	N/A
Eastern tiger swallowtail		Above: bright yellow with broad black stripes; females are dimorphic, some similar to the males and others are black with extensive blue scaling on the hind wings (photos 3 & 4; notice that you can see the tiger stripes on the third photo). Below: similar to the top side, mainly yellow background with bold black stripes; dark females have a shadow of the tiger pattern evident, at least in fresh individuals. Some females are a dark black color, but similar in markings and shape of wings.	N/A
Cabbage white		A plain white butterfly with a solid, black front wing tip, and with either one spot (male) or two spots (female) on the front wing. The hind wing beneath is pale yellow.	N/A

Banded hairstreak	Below, the Banded Hairstreak is brownish gray, like the Edwards' Hairstreak, but is slightly darker on average, with a band of rectangular spots, usually with the white prominent only on the outside. These spots are more or less connected into a band with which this species gets its name. On the back wing, there are several submarginal orange crescents, a blue spot not capped by orange, and an obvious tail.	N/A
Red admiral	Above, this species is a black butterfly with white subapical spots and characteristic red bands, one in the middle of the forewing and one on the margin of the hindwing.  Below, the forewing is similar to the forewing above, but the hindwing is a mottled black color that makes this species difficult to see on a tree with its wings closed.  These look similar to American coppers, but while American coppers have black wingspots, red admirals have white wingspots.	N/A