

# Common Butterflies of the Cariboo-Chilcotin

Dates observed:



## EARLY SPRING BUTTERFLIES

first appear : March to mid-April

\_\_\_\_\_ Compton Tortoiseshell  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Mourning Cloak  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Satyr Anglewing  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Gray Comma  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Milbert's Tortoiseshell  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Spring Azure

*Nymphalis vaualbum*  
*Nymphalis antiopa*  
*Polygonia satyrus*  
*Polygonia progne*  
*Aglaia milberti*  
*Celastrina ladon*

Host plant(s) for larvae

family /genus

willow, birch, poplar  
 willow, cottonwood  
 Stinging Nettle  
 currant, gooseberry  
 Stinging Nettle  
 Red-osier Dogwood, blueberry

## SPRING BUTTERFLIES

first appear : mid-April to mid-May

\_\_\_\_\_ Green Comma (Faunus Anglewing)  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Hoary Comma  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Western White  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Mustard White  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Cabbage White  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Large Marble  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Stella Orangetip (Sara Orangetip)  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Clouded Sulphur  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Western Sulphur  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Silvery Blue  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Persius Duskywing  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Brown Elfin  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Hoary Elfin  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Painted Lady  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Red Admiral

*Polygonia faunus*  
*Polygonia gracilis*  
*Pontia occidentalis*  
*Pieris oleracea*  
*Pieris rapae*  
*Euchloe ausonides*  
*Anthocharis stella*  
*Colias philodice*  
*Colias occidentalis*  
*Glaucopsyche lygdamus*  
*Erynnis persius*  
*Incisalia augustinus*  
*Incisalia polia*  
*Vanessa cardui*  
*Vanessa atalanta*

birch, willow, blueberry  
 currant, rhododendron  
 mustard family  
 mustard family  
 mustard family  
 mustard family  
 pea family / clover, alfalfa  
 pea family / vetch, lupines  
 pea family  
 pea family, willow  
 Kinnikinnick, blueberry  
 Kinnikinnick  
 aster family, thistle, burdock  
 Stinging Nettle



## LATE SPRING BUTTERFLIES

first appear : mid-May to mid-June

\_\_\_\_\_ Ringlet  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Common Alpine  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Silver-bordered Fritillary  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Meadow Fritillary  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Blue Copper  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Purplish Copper  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Juniper Hairstreak  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Western Pine Elfin  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Western Tailed Blue  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Northern Cloudywing  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Dreamy Duskywing

*Coenonympha tullia*  
*Erebia epipsodea*  
*Boloria selene*  
*Boloria bellona*  
*Lycaena heteronea*  
*Lycaena helloides*  
*Mitoura siva*  
*Incisalia eryphon*  
*Everes amyntula*  
*Thorybes pylades*  
*Erynnis icelus*

grass family  
 grass family  
 violets  
 violets  
 buckwheat  
 buckwheat / knotweed, dock  
 juniper  
 Lodgepole Pine  
 pea family / peavine, milk-vetch  
 pea family  
 willow, aspen, birch



## LATE SPRING BUTTERFLIES cont'd.

first appear : mid-May to mid-June

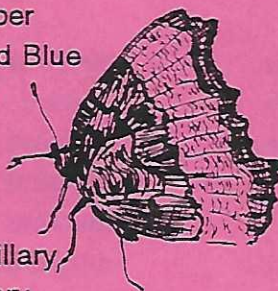
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|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Pink-edged Sulphur                | <i>Colias interior</i>         | blueberry                        |
| Arctic Fritillary                 | <i>Boloria chariclea</i>       | willow                           |
| Variable Checkerspot (Anicia)     | <i>Euphydryas chalcedona</i>   | snowberry, Indian Paintbrush     |
| Phoebus' Parnassian               | <i>Parnassius phoebus</i>      | stonecrop                        |
| Old World Swallowtail (Artemisia) | <i>Papilio machaon</i>         | Tarragon (Artemisia)             |
| Anise Swallowtail                 | <i>Papilio zelicaon</i>        | Cow-parsnip                      |
| Canadian Tiger Swallowtail        | <i>Papilio canadensis</i>      | willow, cherry, aspen            |
| Two-tailed Swallowtail            | <i>Pterourus multicaudatus</i> | willow, cherry, aspen, saskatoon |
| Macoun's Arctic                   | <i>Oeneis macounii</i>         | grass, sedge family              |
| Chryxus Arctic                    | <i>Oeneis chryxus</i>          | grass family                     |



## EARLY SUMMER BUTTERFLIES

first appear : mid-June to mid-July

|                                   |                                 |                                      |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Arctic Skipper                    | <i>Carterocephalus palaemon</i> | grass family                         |
| Roadside Skipper                  | <i>Amblyscirtes vialis</i>      | grass family / blue grasses          |
| Square-spotted Blue               | <i>Euphilotes battoides</i>     | buckwheat                            |
| Northern Blue                     | <i>Lycaeides idas</i>           | pea / lupines, vetch; blueberry      |
| Greenish Blue                     | <i>Plebejus saepiolus</i>       | clover                               |
| Icaroides Blue                    | <i>Icaricia icarioides</i>      | lupine                               |
| Acmon Blue                        | <i>Icaricia acmon</i>           | buckwheat, pea family                |
| Aphrodite Fritillary              | <i>Speyeria aphrodite</i>       | violets                              |
| Atlantis Fritillary               | <i>Speyeria atlantis</i>        | violets                              |
| Frigga's Fritillary               | <i>Boloria frigga</i>           | willow, avens                        |
| Freija Fritillary                 | <i>Boloria freija</i>           | blueberry, Kinnikinnick              |
| Northern Checkerspot              | <i>Chlosyne palla</i>           | l. Paintbrush, Rabbitbrush, aster f. |
| Northern Crescent (N. Pearly Cr.) | <i>Phyciodes cocyta</i>         | aster family                         |
| Field Crescent                    | <i>Phyciodes pratensis</i>      | aster family                         |
| Pale Crescent (Pallid Cr.)        | <i>Phyciodes pallidus</i>       | thistle                              |
| Mylitta Crescent                  | <i>Phyciodes mylitta</i>        | thistle                              |
| White Admiral                     | <i>Limenitis arthemis</i>       | willow, poplar, birch                |
| Common Wood Nymph                 | <i>Cercyonis pegala</i>         | grass family                         |
| Great Basin Wood Nymph            | <i>Cercyonis sthenele</i>       | grass family                         |
| Dark Wood Nymph                   | <i>Cercyonis oetus</i>          | grass family                         |
| Vidler's Alpine                   | <i>Erebia vidleri</i>           | grass family                         |

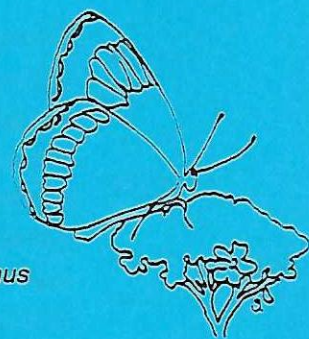


## LATE SUMMER BUTTERFLIES

first appear : mid-July to August

|                        |                             |                                |
|------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Common Branded Skipper | <i>Hesperia comma</i>       | grasses / blue grasses         |
| Woodland Skipper       | <i>Ochlodes sylvanoides</i> | grass family                   |
| Mariposa Copper        | <i>Lycaena mariposa</i>     | buckwheat, knotweed, blueberry |
| Zerene Fritillary      | <i>Speyeria zerene</i>      | violets                        |
| Callippe Fritillary    | <i>Speyeria callippe</i>    | violets                        |
| Mormon Fritillary      | <i>Speyeria mormonia</i>    | violets                        |

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for larvae:  
family /genus

## SKIPPERS

|                                    |                                 |                             |
|------------------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| _____ Northern Cloudywing          | <i>Thorybes pylades</i>         | pea family                  |
| _____ Dreamy Duskywing             | <i>Erynnis icelus</i>           | willow, aspen, birch        |
| _____ Persius Duskywing            | <i>Erynnis persius</i>          | pea family, willow          |
| _____ Two-banded Checkered Skipper | <i>Pyrgus ruralis</i>           | rose family / cinquefoil    |
| _____ Common Sootywing             | <i>Pholisora catullus</i>       | pigweed, goosefoot          |
| _____ Arctic Skipper               | <i>Carterocephalus palaemon</i> | grass family                |
| _____ Juba Skipper                 | <i>Hesperia juba</i>            | grass family / blue grasses |
| _____ Common Branded Skipper       | <i>Hesperia comma</i>           | grass family / blue grasses |
| _____ Tawny-edged Skipper          | <i>Polites themistocles</i>     | grass family                |
| _____ Woodland Skipper             | <i>Ochlodes sylvanoides</i>     | grass family                |
| _____ Roadside Skipper             | <i>Amblyscirtes vialis</i>      | grass family / blue grasses |

## PARNASSIANS & SWALLOWTAILS

|                                         |                                |                                  |
|-----------------------------------------|--------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| _____ Phoebus' Parnassian               | <i>Parnassius phoebus</i>      | stonecrop                        |
| _____ Old World Swallowtail (Artemisia) | <i>Papilio machaon</i>         | Tarragon (Artemisia)             |
| _____ Anise Swallowtail                 | <i>Papilio zelicaon</i>        | Cow-parsnip                      |
| _____ Canadian Tiger Swallowtail        | <i>Papilio canadensis</i>      | willow, cherry, aspen            |
| _____ Two-tailed Swallowtail            | <i>Pterourus multicaudatus</i> | willow, cherry, aspen, saskatoon |

## WHITES & SULPHURS

|                                         |                            |                              |
|-----------------------------------------|----------------------------|------------------------------|
| _____ Pine White                        | <i>Neophasia menapia</i>   | Ponderosa Pine, Douglas-fir  |
| _____ Becker's White                    | <i>Pontia beckerii</i>     | mustard family               |
| _____ Western White                     | <i>Pontia occidentalis</i> | mustard family               |
| _____ Mustard White                     | <i>Pieris oleracea</i>     | mustard family               |
| _____ Cabbage White                     | <i>Pieris rapae</i>        | mustard family               |
| _____ Large Marble                      | <i>Euchloe ausonides</i>   | mustard family               |
| _____ Stella Orangetip (Sara Orangetip) | <i>Anthocharis stella</i>  | mustard family               |
| _____ Clouded Sulphur                   | <i>Colias philodice</i>    | pea family / clover, alfalfa |
| _____ Western Sulphur                   | <i>Colias occidentalis</i> | pea family / vetch, lupines  |
| _____ Queen Alexandra's Sulphur         | <i>Colias alexandra</i>    | pea family / milk-vetch      |
| _____ Pink-edged Sulphur                | <i>Colias interior</i>     | blueberry                    |

## GOSSAMER-WINGS

|                             |                              |                                |
|-----------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| _____ Blue Copper           | <i>Lycaena heteronea</i>     | buckwheat                      |
| _____ Purplish Copper       | <i>Lycaena helloides</i>     | buckwheat / knotweed, dock     |
| _____ Mariposa Copper       | <i>Lycaena mariposa</i>      | buckwheat, knotweed, blueberry |
| _____ California Hairstreak | <i>Satyrium californicum</i> | Ceanothus, cherry, saskatoon   |
| _____ Thicket Hairstreak    | <i>Mitoura spinetorum</i>    | dwarf mistletoe                |
| _____ Rosner's Hairstreak   | <i>Mitoura rosneri</i>       | Western Red-cedar              |
| _____ Juniper Hairstreak    | <i>Mitoura siva</i>          | juniper                        |
| _____ Brown Elfin           | <i>Incisalia augustinus</i>  | Kinnikinnick, blueberry        |
| _____ Hoary Elfin           | <i>Incisalia polia</i>       | Kinnikinnick                   |
| _____ Western Pine Elfin    | <i>Incisalia eryphon</i>     | Lodgepole Pine                 |
| _____ Gray Hairstreak       | <i>Strymon melinus</i>       | pea family, rose               |

Western Tailed Blue  
 Spring Azure  
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 Northern Blue  
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 Icaroides Blue  
 Acmon Blue  
 Arctic Blue

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*Celastrina ladon*  
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*Glaucopsyche lygdamus*  
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*Icaricia acmon*  
*Agriades glandon*

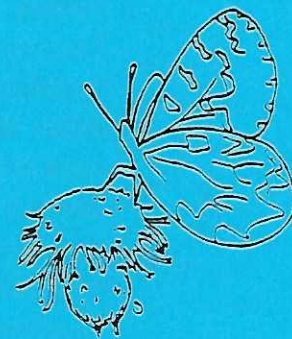
pea family / peavine, milk-vetch  
 Red-osier Dogwood, blueberry  
 buckwheat  
 pea family  
 pea / lupines, vetch; blueberry  
 clover  
 lupine  
 buckwheat, pea family  
 pea, saxifrage family

## BRUSHFOOTS

Aphrodite Fritillary  
 Zerene Fritillary  
 Callippe Fritillary  
 Atlantis Fritillary  
 Northwestern Fritillary  
 Hydaspe Fritillary  
 Mormon Fritillary  
 Silver-bordered Fritillary  
 Meadow Fritillary  
 Frigga's Fritillary  
 Freija Fritillary  
 Arctic Fritillary

*Speyeria aphrodite*  
*Speyeria zerene*  
*Speyeria callippe*  
*Speyeria atlantis*  
*Speyeria hesperis*  
*Speyeria hydaspe*  
*Speyeria mormonia*  
*Boloria selene*  
*Boloria bellona*  
*Boloria frigga*  
*Boloria freija*  
*Boloria chariclea*

violets  
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 willow, avens  
 blueberry, Kinnikinnick  
 willow



Northern Checkerspot  
 Northern Crescent (N. Pearly Cr.)  
 Field Crescent  
 Pale Crescent (Pallid Cr.)  
 Mylitta Crescent  
 Variable Checkerspot (Anicia)

*Chlosyne palla*  
*Phyciodes cocyta*  
*Phyciodes pratensis*  
*Phyciodes pallidus*  
*Phyciodes mylitta*  
*Euphydryas chalcedona*

I. Paintbrush, Rabbitbrush, aster f.  
 aster family  
 aster family  
 thistle  
 thistle  
 snowberry, Indian Paintbrush

Satyr Anglewing  
 Green Comma (Faunus Anglewing)  
 Hoary Comma  
 Gray Comma  
 Compton Tortoiseshell  
 Mourning Cloak  
 Milbert's Tortoiseshell  
 Painted Lady  
 Red Admiral  
 White Admiral

*Polygonia satyrus*  
*Polygonia faunus*  
*Polygonia gracilis*  
*Polygonia progne*  
*Nymphalis vaualbum*  
*Nymphalis antiopa*  
*Aglais milberti*  
*Vanessa cardui*  
*Vanessa atalanta*  
*Limenitis arthemis*

Stinging Nettle  
 birch, willow, blueberry  
 currant, rhododendron  
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 willow, birch, poplar  
 willow, cottonwood  
 Stinging Nettle  
 aster, thistle, burdock  
 Stinging Nettle  
 willow, poplar, birch

## SATYRS, WOOD NYMPHS

Ringlet  
 Common Wood Nymph  
 Great Basin Wood Nymph  
 Dark Wood Nymph  
 Vidler's Alpine  
 Common Alpine  
 Macoun's Arctic  
 Chryxus Arctic

*Coenonympha tullia*  
*Cercyonis pegala*  
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*Erebia vidleri*  
*Erebia epipsodea*  
*Oeneis macounii*  
*Oeneis chryxus*

grass family  
 grass family  
 grass family  
 grass family  
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 grass family  
 grass, sedge family  
 grass family

