

Saskatoon Area Butterfly Checklist

This draft checklist contains 81 species of butterflies known to be present in the Saskatoon Birding Area (see *Saskatoon Area Birds - A Seasonal Checklist* map for area boundaries). Common and scientific names are provided for each species, along with the 'banding' code, flight period and abundance. When only a single record exists, the year recorded is provided. The information provided in this checklist was extracted from *Saskatchewan Butterflies - An Annotated Field Checklist* (1999) by Bernie Gollop and Ron Hooper, *Saskatchewan Butterflies* (1998-2003), compiled by Anna Leighton, and from the field notes of local butterfly enthusiasts.

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Abundance

VC - Very Common, C - Common, FC - Fairly Common
U - Uncommon, R - Rare

SPREAD-WING SKIPPERS

| | | |
|--------------------------|--------------------------|----|
| Silver-spotted Skipper | <i>Epargyreus clarus</i> | FC |
| SILSS | May 18 - Aug 8 | |
| Northern Cloudywing | <i>Thorybes pylades</i> | U |
| NORCL | May 20 - Aug 2 | |
| Dreamy Duskywing | <i>Erynnis icelus</i> | FC |
| DREDU | May 9 - Jul 30 | |
| Afranius Duskywing | <i>Erynnis afranius</i> | U |
| AFRDU | May 5 - Sep 1 | |
| Persius Duskywing | <i>Erynnis persius</i> | C |
| PERDU | May 4 - Aug 15 | |
| Common Checkered-Skipper | <i>Pyrgus communis</i> | FC |
| COMCS | May 13 - Oct 13 | |

GRASS SKIPPERS

| | | |
|--------------------|---------------------------------|---|
| Arctic Skipper | <i>Carterocephalus palaemon</i> | U |
| ARCTS | May 20 - Jul 9 | |
| Least Skipper | <i>Ancyloxypha numitor</i> | R |
| LEASS | Jul 11 - Jul 27 | |
| Garita Skipperling | <i>Oarisma garita</i> | C |
| GARIS | May 26 - Aug 9 | |
| European Skipper | <i>Thymelicus lineola</i> | R |
| EUROS | Jul 7, 2012 | |

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|-------------------------|-----------------------------|----|
| Plains Skipper | <i>Hesperia assiniboia</i> | FC |
| PLAIS | Jul 3 - Sep 13 | |
| Nevada Skipper | <i>Herperia nevada</i> | U |
| NEVAS | May 27 - Sep 9 | |
| Peck's Skipper | <i>Polites peckius</i> | C |
| PECKS | Jun 14 - Oct 6 | |
| Tawny-edged Skipper | <i>Polites themistocles</i> | U |
| TAWES | Jun 13 - Aug 15 | |
| Long Dash Skipper | <i>Polites mystic</i> | C |
| LONDS | Jun 9 - Sep 13 | |
| Woodland Skipper | <i>Ochlodes sylvanoides</i> | R |
| WOODS | Jul 26 - Sep 15 | |
| Hobomok Skipper | <i>Poanes hobomok</i> | U |
| HOBOS | May 23 - Jul 9 | |
| Dun Skipper | <i>Euphyes vestris</i> | FC |
| DUNSK | Jun 18 - Aug 20 | |
| Common Roadside-Skipper | <i>Amblyscirtes vialis</i> | C |
| COMRS | May 11 - Jul 12 | |

SWALLOWTAILS

| | | |
|----------------------------|---------------------------|----|
| Old World Swallowtail | <i>Papilio machaon</i> | R |
| OLWSW | May 6 - Aug 20 | |
| Canadian Tiger Swallowtail | <i>Papilio canadensis</i> | VC |
| CATSW | May 7 - Jul 29 | |

WHITES

| | | |
|-----------------|----------------------------|----|
| Checkered White | <i>Pontia protodice</i> | R |
| CHEWH | Jun 29 - Sep 19 | |
| Western White | <i>Pontia occidentalis</i> | C |
| WESWH | Apr 20 - Oct 13 | |
| Cabbage White | <i>Pieris rapae</i> | VC |
| CABWH | Apr 4 - Oct 20 | |
| Olympia Marble | <i>Euchloe olympia</i> | U |
| OLYMA | May 11 - Jul 18 | |

SULPHURS

| | | |
|---------------------------|-------------------------|----|
| Clouded Sulphur | <i>Colias philodice</i> | VC |
| CDDSU | May 3 - Oct 30 | |
| Orange Sulphur | <i>Colias eurytheme</i> | FC |
| ORASU | May 12 - Oct 21 | |
| Queen Alexandra's Sulphur | <i>Colias alexandra</i> | U |
| QUASU | May 27 - Aug 26 | |
| Christina Sulphur | <i>Colias christina</i> | U |
| CHRSU | Jun 7 - Sep 22 | |

COPPERS

| | | |
|-----------------|--------------------------|----|
| Gray Copper | <i>Lycaena dione</i> | U |
| GRACP | Jun 24 - Aug 14 | |
| Bronze Copper | <i>Lycaena hyllus</i> | U |
| BROCP | Jun 23 - Sep 19 | |
| Purplish Copper | <i>Lycaena helloides</i> | FC |
| PURCP | May 18 - Oct 20 | |

HAIRSTREAKS

| | | |
|--------------------|--------------------------|----|
| Acadian Hairstreak | <i>Satyrium acadica</i> | U |
| ACADH | Jul 5 - Aug 24 | |
| Coral Hairstreak | <i>Satyrium titus</i> | FC |
| CORAH | Jun 25 - Aug 24 | |
| Striped Hairstreak | <i>Satyrium liparops</i> | U |
| STRIH | Jun 22 - Aug 27 | |

ELFINS

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|--------------------|------------------------------|----|
| Brown Elfin | <i>Callophrys augustinus</i> | U |
| BROEL | May 13 - Jul 15 | |
| Hoary Elfin | <i>Callophrys polios</i> | FC |
| HOAEL | Apr 30 - Jul | |
| Eastern Pine Elfin | <i>Callophrys niphon</i> | R |
| EAPEL | May 11, 2011 | |
| Gray Hairstreak | <i>Strymon melinus</i> | R |
| GRAYH | May 19 - Sep 19 | |

BLUES

| | | |
|---------------------|------------------------------|----|
| Western Tailed-Blue | <i>Everes amyntula</i> | C |
| WESTB | May 16 - Jul 31 | |
| Spring Azure | <i>Celastrina ladon</i> | VC |
| SPRAZ | Apr 20 - Aug 20 | |
| Silvery Blue | <i>Glaucopsyche lygdamus</i> | C |
| SILVB | May 2 - Jul 26 | |
| Melissa Blue | <i>Lycaeides melissa</i> | C |
| MELIB | May 16 - Oct 4 | |
| Greenish Blue | <i>Plebejus saepiolus</i> | C |
| GREEB | May 15 - Aug 5 | |
| Arctic Blue | <i>Agriades glandon</i> | C |
| ARCTB | May 14 - Oct 7 | |

FRITILLARIES

| | | |
|----------------------------|-----------------------------------|----|
| Variegated Fritillary | <i>Euptoieta claudia</i> | C |
| VARIF | May 20 - Oct 18 | |
| Great Spangled Fritillary | <i>Speyeria cybele</i> | C |
| GRESF | Jun 17 - Sep 13 | |
| Aphrodite Fritillary | <i>Speyeria aphrodite</i> | FC |
| APHRF | Jun 7 - Sep 20 | |
| Regal Fritillary | <i>Speyeria idalia</i> | R |
| REGAF | Aug 8, 2012 | |
| Callippe Fritillary | <i>Speyeria callippe</i> | FC |
| CALLF | May 20 - Aug 20 | |
| Atlantis Fritillary | <i>Speyeria atlantis</i> | R |
| ATLAF | Jun 19 - Sep 4 | |
| Northwestern Fritillary | <i>Speyeria atlantis hesperis</i> | C |
| NORTF | May 25 - Oct 4 | |
| Mormon Fritillary | <i>Speyeria mormonia</i> | U |
| MORMF | Jun 13 - Sep 30 | |
| Silver-bordered Fritillary | <i>Boloria selene</i> | U |
| SILBF | May 31 - Sep 15 | |
| Meadow Fritillary | <i>Boloria bellona</i> | C |
| MEADF | May 11 - Sep 21 | |
| Freija Fritillary | <i>Boloria freija</i> | R |
| FREIF | May 19 - Jun 1 | |

TRUE BRUSH-FOOTS

| | | |
|---------------------|--------------------------|----|
| Gorgone Checkerspot | <i>Chlosyne gorgone</i> | U |
| GORGC | May 17 - Jul 18 | |
| Pearl Crescent | <i>Phyciodes tharos</i> | C |
| PEACT | May 4 - Sep 27 | |
| Northern Crescent | <i>Phyciodes selenis</i> | C |
| NORCT | May 18 - Oct 7 | |
| Tawny Crescent | <i>Phyciodes batesii</i> | FC |
| TAWCT | May 31 - Sep 12 | |

COMMAS

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|---------------|----------------------------------|---|
| Question Mark | <i>Polygonia interrogationis</i> | R |
| QUEMA | Jun 28 - Aug 5 | |
| Satyr Comma | <i>Polygonia satyrus</i> | C |
| SATCM | Mar 31 - Oct 21 | |
| Green Comma | <i>Polygonia faunus</i> | U |
| GRECM | Apr 17 - Oct 12 | |

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|--------------------------|------------------------------|----|
| Gray Comma | <i>Polygonia progne</i> | C |
| GRACM | Mar 31 - Oct 12 | |
| Compton Tortoiseshell | <i>Nymphalis vaualbum</i> | VC |
| COMTO | Mar 26 - Oct 29 | |
| California Tortoiseshell | <i>Nymphalis californica</i> | R |
| CALTO | Aug 4 - Oct 7 | |
| Mourning Cloak | <i>Nymphalis antiopa</i> | VC |
| MOUCL | Mar 13 - Nov 3 | |
| Milbert's Tortoiseshell | <i>Nymphalis milberti</i> | VC |
| MILTO | Mar 17 - Oct 30 | |
| Painted Lady | <i>Vanessa cardui</i> | C |
| PAILA | Apr 30 - Oct 18 | |
| Red Admiral | <i>Vanessa atalanta</i> | C |
| REDAD | Apr 27 - Oct 24 | |

ADMIRALS AND RELATIVES

| | | |
|---------------|------------------------------------|---|
| White Admiral | <i>Limenitis arthemis arthemis</i> | C |
| WHIAD | May 29 - Aug 22 | |
| Viceroy | <i>Limenitis archippus</i> | U |
| VICER | Jun 20 - Aug 23 | |

SATYRS

| | | |
|---------------------|----------------------------|----|
| Northern Pearly-eye | <i>Enodia anthedon</i> | R |
| NORPE | Jun 14 - Sep 7 | |
| Common Ringlet | <i>Coenonympha tullia</i> | C |
| COMRI | May 11 - Sep 7 | |
| Common Wood-Nymph | <i>Cercyonis pegala</i> | C |
| COWNY | Jun 19 - Sep 14 | |
| Red-disked Alpine | <i>Erebia discoidalis</i> | C |
| REKAL | Apr 21 - Jun 29 | |
| Common Alpine | <i>Erebia epipsodea</i> | C |
| COMAL | May 13 - Jul 12 | |
| Ridings' Satyr | <i>Neominois ridingsii</i> | U |
| RIDSA | Jun 10 - Jul 25 | |
| Uhler's Arctic | <i>Oeneis uhleri</i> | C |
| UHLAR | May 12 - July 14 | |
| Alberta Arctic | <i>Oeneis alberta</i> | FC |
| ALBAR | May 3 - Jun 7 | |
| Monarch | <i>Danaus plexippus</i> | U |
| MONAR | May 26 - Sep 10 | |

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