

Saskatoon Area Butterfly Checklist

This checklist contains 82 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	Jun 23 - Jul 27	
Garita Skipperling	<i>Oarisma garita</i>	C
GARIS	May 26 - Aug 9	
European Skipper	<i>Thymelicus lineola</i>	R
EUROS	Jul 7 - Jul 11	

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

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, 2006	

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

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	

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 19	

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