

Butterflies of Waterloo



American Painted Lady (above) nectaring on buttonbush — flight period April 30— October 26

Waterloo Recreation Area is home to over eighty species of Michigan butterflies, each with its own habitat requirements. The larva of each species has different feeding and habitat requirements than the adult, so habitat diversity is especially important for survival.

Waterloo's 21,000 acres include marshes, swamps, bogs, lakes, streams, woodlands and prairies provide the diversity they need. Some of the largest, most common and most easily seen butterflies are pictured here. They are most active on warm sunny afternoons.

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Great Spangled Fritillary (below) nectaring on milkweed species — flight period June 4 — September 17





Giant Swallowtail, flight period April 26 — October 7
Michigan's largest butterfly w 6 inch wingspan



Black Swallowtail nectaring on buttonbush. Flight period April 10 — September 30



Tiger Swallowtail, flight period May 2—October 6



Buckeye, flight period June 1 — October 22



Red Admiral, flight period April— October 29



Monarch, flight period May 10—October 23