Species on Anahuac National Wildlife Refuge

SPREAD-WING SKIPPERS

☐ White-checkered Skipper*

☐ Tropical Checkered Skipper

□ White-striped Longtail

☐ Long-tailed Skipper

☐ Horace's Duskywing

GRASS SKIPPERS

☐ Swarthy Skipper

☐ Clouded Skipper

□ Southern Skipperling

☐ Broad-winged Skipper

□ Least Skipper

☐ Fiery Skipper

☐ Bay Skipper

☐ Dun Skipper

☐ Eufala Skipper

☐ Brazilian Skipper

□ Obscure Skipper

☐ Salt Marsh Skipper

*The White-checkered

Checkered-white are often

White Checkered-skippers

because observation under

micrsocopes is needed to tell

referred to as Common/

skipper and Common

the two species apart.

SWALLOWTAILS ☐ Pipevine Swallowtail ☐ Black Swallowtail ☐ Giant Swallowtail ☐ Eastern Tiger Swallowtail ☐ Funereal Duskywing ☐ Spicebush Swallotail WHITES ☐ Checkered White ☐ Great Southern White **SULPHURS** ☐ Orange Sulphur ☐ Cloudless Sulphur □ Southern Dogface □ Little Yellow ☐ Sleepy Orange ☐ Dainty Sulphur HAIRSTREAKS ☐ Grav Hairstreak □ Red-banded Hairstreak ☐ Dusky-blue Groundstreak ☐ Ocola Skipper BLUES ☐ Western Pygmy Blue ☐ Ceraunus Blue ☐ Reakirt's Blue SNOUTS ☐ American Snout **FRITILLARIES** ☐ Gulf Fritillary ☐ Variegated Fritillary TRUE BRUSHFOOTS ☐ Phaon Crescent ☐ Pearl Crescent ☐ Question Mark ☐ American Lady ☐ Painted Lady □ Red Admiral □ Common Buckeye ADMIRALS □ Red-Spotted Purple □ Vicerov **LEAFWINGS** ☐ Goatweed Leafwing **EMPERORS** ☐ Tawny Emperor SATYRS ☐ Carolina Satyr MONARCHS □ Monarch Queen

Facts about Butterflies

Anahuac National Wildlife Refuge showcases at least 55 butterfly species, including the largest North American butterfly (Eastern Giant Swallowtail) and the smallest (Western Pvgmv-blue).

The Monarch butterfly is the official state insect of Texas. Monarchs pass through the refuge twice a vear on their migrations north and south. We are worried about monarch survival because their populations are declining rapidly.

The monarch is just one of many butterflies that is in decline. Each butterfly species can only eat specific plants. Host plants provide the correct food for caterpillars, and nectar plants provide the correct food for adult butterflies. Habitat protection and restoration are key to saving butterfly populations.

What can you do to help? Landscape with native plants, or if you have a porch, plant native plants in flower pots. Learn about the host plants of your favorite butterflies and support habitat restoration.

Use this checklist as a start to exploring the butterflies of this area. If you get a good photo, consider uploading it to a citizen science site. Every observation helps!

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