

# Summary of Butterfly Observations for Red Cedar River Plant Preserve

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Observations made by Ed Rothwell  
Summary generated on **January 30, 2026**

332 total observations made during 45 visits of 49 species from 5 families.  
Date range shows earliest and latest observations, regardless of year

## Papilionidae (4 species observed)

- *Papilio cresphontes* (Giant swallowtail) (2): (Jul 30 - Aug 11)
- *Papilio glaucus* (Eastern tiger swallowtail) (1): (Jul 23)
- *Papilio polyxenes* (Black swallowtail) (2): (Jul 20 - Jul 30)
- *Papilio troilus* (Spicebush swallowtail) (1): (Jul 30)

## Pieridae (3 species observed)

- *Colias eurytheme* (Orange sulphur) (11): (Jun 13 - Oct 20)
- *Colias philodice* (Clouded sulphur) (14): (Apr 26 - Oct 10)
- *Pieris rapae* (Cabbage white) (20): (Apr 27 - Oct 10)

## Lycaenidae (6 species observed)

- *Celastrina ladon* (Spring azure) (2): (Apr 27 - May 7)
- *Everes comyntas* (Eastern tailed-blue) (18): (Jun 2 - Oct 20)
- *Feniseca tarquinius* (Harvester) (2): (Jun 28 - Jul 23)
- *Lycaena phlaeas* (American copper) (4): (Jul 28 - Sep 27)
- *Satyrrium Calanus* (Banded hairstreak) (6): (Jun 22 - Jul 18)
- *Satyrrium acadia* (Acadian hairstreak) (1): (Jun 28)

## Nymphalidae (18 species observed)

- *Asterocampa celtis* (Hackberry emperor) (1): (Aug 22)
- *Cercyonis pegala* (Common wood-nymph) (13): (Jun 28 - Aug 19)
- *Coenonympha tullia* (Common ringlet) (15): (May 24 - Aug 31)
- *Danaus plexippus* (Monarch) (9): (Jul 11 - Sep 16)
- *Enodia anthedon* (Northern pearly-eye) (3): (Jun 22 - Jul 30)
- *Euphydryas phaeton* (Baltimore checkerspot) (1): (Jun 13)

- *Euptoieta claudia* (Variegated fritillary) (1): (Oct 3)
- *Junonia coenia* (Common buckeye) (5): (Aug 22 - Oct 20)
- *Limenitis archippus* (Viceroy) (8): (Jun 8 - Sep 29)
- *Limenitis arthemis astyanax* (Red-spotted purple) (2): (Jun 6 - Jul 30)
- *Megisto cymela* (Little wood-satyr) (10): (May 24 - Jul 7)
- *Nymphalis antiopa* (Mourning cloak) (4): (Apr 27 - Jul 18)
- *Phyciodes cocyta* (Northern crescent) (16): (May 13 - Oct 20)
- *Phyciodes tharos* (Pearl crescent) (14): (May 24 - Oct 16)
- *Polytonia comma* (Eastern comma) (2): (Aug 22 - Sep 14)
- *Satyrodes appalachia* (Appalachian brown) (11): (Jun 28 - Sep 11)
- *Satyrodes eurydice* (Eyed brown) (1): (Jul 20)
- *Speyeria cybele* (Great spangled fritillary) (2): (Jun 13 - Jul 23)

### **Hesperiidae (18 species observed)**

- *Anatrytone logan* (Delaware skipper) (8): (Jun 28 - Sep 2)
- *Ancyloxypha numitor* (Least skipper) (16): (Jun 2 - Sep 11)
- *Carterocephalus palaemon* (Arctic skipper) (1): (Jun 10)
- *Epargyreus clarus* (Silver-spotted skipper) (25): (May 13 - Oct 3)
- *Erynnis baptisiae* (Wild indigo duskywing) (1): (Sep 19)
- *Euphyes vestris* (Dun skipper) (5): (Jun 28 - Aug 22)
- *Hylephila phyleus* (Fiery skipper) (5): (Aug 31 - Oct 10)
- *Poanes hobomok* (Hobomok skipper) (3): (Jun 2 - Jun 13)
- *Poanes massasoit* (Mulberry wing) (1): (Jul 9)
- *Poanes viator* (Broad-winged skipper) (3): (Jul 14 - Aug 3)
- *Poanes zabulon* (Zabulon skipper) (2): (Aug 19 - Sep 2)
- *Polites origenes* (Crossline skipper) (1): (Jul 7)
- *Polites peckius* (Peck's skipper) (17): (Jun 2 - Sep 29)
- *Polites themistocles* (Tawny-edged skipper) (12): (May 24 - Oct 10)
- *Pompeius verna* (Little glassywing) (5): (Jun 22 - Jul 14)
- *Pyrgus communis* (Common checkered-skipper) (12): (May 24 - Oct 10)
- *Thymelicus lineola* (European skipper) (9): (Jun 9 - Jul 20)
- *Wallengrenia egeremet* (Northern broken-dash) (4): (Jul 7 - Jul 20)