

# Kiawah Island Butterfly Checklist

The patterns of butterfly populations are very much a mystery. Some years will bring unusually large numbers and varying species of butterflies to Kiawah, while other years bring only average numbers of common species. Many butterflies hatch in seasonal broods, so a species that is abundant one week may be difficult to find the next week. In addition, many butterflies are limited to native habitats and host plants to complete their life cycle. The larvae of many species can only survive on specific plants; think of monarchs and milkweeds, longwings and passionflowers. These host plants provide a critical link in butterfly survival. Protect native plants in your landscape and grow them in your gardens to support these important pollinators.

<b>Swallowtails (<i>Papilioninae</i>)</b>	<b>Sp S F</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> Pipevine Swallowtail ( <i>Batus philenor</i> ).....	R R R
<input type="checkbox"/> Black Swallowtail ( <i>Papilio polyxenes</i> ).....	C C U
<input type="checkbox"/> Giant Swallowtail ( <i>Papilio cresphontes</i> ).....	- U R
<input type="checkbox"/> E. Tiger Swallowtail ( <i>Papilio glaucus</i> ).....	U C U
<input type="checkbox"/> Spicebush Swallowtail ( <i>Papilio troilus</i> ).....	C C U
<input type="checkbox"/> Palamedes Swallowtail ( <i>Papilio palamedes</i> ).....	A A A
<b>Whites (<i>Pierinae</i>)</b>	<b>Sp S F</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> Cabbage White ( <i>Pieris rapae</i> ).....	C A C
<b>Sulphurs (<i>Coliadinae</i>)</b>	<b>Sp S F</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> Cloudless Sulphur ( <i>Phoebis sennae</i> ).....	C A A
<input type="checkbox"/> Little Yellow ( <i>Pyristia lisa</i> ).....	- U U
<input type="checkbox"/> Sleepy Orange ( <i>Abaeis nicippe</i> ).....	C A C
<b>Hairstreaks (<i>Theclinae</i>)</b>	<b>Sp S F</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> Banded Hairstreak ( <i>Satyrrium titus</i> ).....	U U -
<input type="checkbox"/> Oak Hairstreak ( <i>Satyrrium favonius</i> ).....	R R -
<input type="checkbox"/> White M Hairstreak ( <i>Parrhasius m-album</i> ).....	R R R
<input type="checkbox"/> Gray Hairstreak ( <i>Strymon melinus</i> ).....	U C U
<b>Blues (<i>Polyommatainae</i>)</b>	<b>Sp S F</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> Eastern Pygmy Blue ( <i>Brephidium isophthalma</i> ).....	- U U
<input type="checkbox"/> Cassius Blue ( <i>Leptotes cassius</i> ).....	- U U
<input type="checkbox"/> Spring Azure ( <i>Celastrina ladon</i> ).....	R - -
<input type="checkbox"/> Summer Azure ( <i>Celastrina neglecta</i> ).....	R U -
<input type="checkbox"/> Holly Azure ( <i>Celastrina idella</i> ).....	U - -
<b>Snouts (<i>Libytheinae</i>)</b>	<b>Sp S F</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> American Snout ( <i>Libytheana carinenta</i> ).....	U U -
<b>Heliconians and Fritillaries (<i>Heliconiinae</i>)</b>	<b>Sp S F</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> Gulf Fritillary ( <i>Agraulis vanillae</i> ).....	- - A
<input type="checkbox"/> Zebra Longwing ( <i>Heliconius charithonia</i> ).....	- R R
<input type="checkbox"/> Variegated Fritillary ( <i>Euptoieta claudia</i> ).....	R U U
<b>True Brushfoots (<i>Nymphalinae</i>)</b>	<b>Sp S F</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> Question Mark ( <i>Polyconia interrogationis</i> ).....	U U U
<input type="checkbox"/> American Lady ( <i>Vanessa virginensis</i> ).....	C C C
<input type="checkbox"/> Painted Lady ( <i>Vanessa cardui</i> ).....	- R R
<input type="checkbox"/> Red Admiral ( <i>Vanessa atalanta</i> ).....	U U U
<input type="checkbox"/> Common Buckeye ( <i>Junonia coenia</i> ).....	C C C
<input type="checkbox"/> White Peacock ( <i>Anartia jatrophae</i> ).....	- R R
<input type="checkbox"/> Phaon Crescent ( <i>Phycoides tharos</i> ).....	A C A

<b>Admirals (<i>Limnitiidae</i>)</b>	<b>Sp S F</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> Red-spotted Purple ( <i>Limnitis arthemis</i> ).....	U U R
<input type="checkbox"/> Viceroy ( <i>Limnitis archippus</i> ).....	U C U
<b>Emperors (<i>Apaturinae</i>)</b>	<b>Sp S F</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> Hackberry Emperor ( <i>Asterocampa celtis</i> ).....	R R R
<b>Satyrs (<i>Satyrinae</i>)</b>	<b>Sp S F</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> Carolina Satyr ( <i>Hermeuptychia sosybius</i> ).....	C U C
<b>Milkweed Butterflies (<i>Apaturinae</i>)</b>	<b>Sp S F</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> Monarch ( <i>Batus philenor</i> ).....	U U C
<input type="checkbox"/> Queen ( <i>Papilio polyxenes</i> ).....	- R U
<b>Spreadwing Skippers (<i>Pyrginae</i>)</b>	<b>Sp S F</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> Silver-spotted Skipper ( <i>Epargyreus clarus</i> ).....	C C C
<input type="checkbox"/> Long-tailed Skipper ( <i>Urbanus proteus</i> ).....	- C A
<input type="checkbox"/> Horace's Diskywing ( <i>Erynnis horatius</i> ).....	U C R
<input type="checkbox"/> Common/White Checkered Skipper ( <i>Pyrgus sp.</i> ).....	R U U
<input type="checkbox"/> Tropical Checkered Skipper ( <i>Pyrgus oileus</i> ).....	- - X
<b>Grass Skippers (<i>Hesperinae</i>)</b>	<b>Sp S F</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> Fiery Skipper ( <i>Hylephila phyleus</i> ).....	U A A
<input type="checkbox"/> Whirlabout ( <i>Polites vibex</i> ).....	U C C
<input type="checkbox"/> Eufala Skipper ( <i>Lerodea eufala</i> ).....	- U C
<input type="checkbox"/> Salt Marsh Skipper ( <i>Panoquina panoquin</i> ).....	C U C
<input type="checkbox"/> Ocola Skipper ( <i>Panoquina ocola</i> ).....	- R C
<b>Giant Skippers (<i>Megathyminae</i>)</b>	<b>Sp S F</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> Yucca Giant-Skipper ( <i>Megathymus yuccae</i> ).....	R - -

## Checklist Key

### Seasonal Appearances

- Sp - Spring (March to May)
- S - Summer (June to September)
- F - Fall (September to November)

### Seasonal Abundance

- A - Abundant (a common species seen in proportionally high numbers)
- C - Common (usually seen in suitable habitat)
- U - Uncommon (usually seen but not certain to be seen)
- R - Rare (regularly seen at intervals of two to five years, sometimes in high numbers)
- X - Accidental (seen at intervals of six years or more)