

**Butterfly Survey: Iroquois County State Wildlife Area**

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## Methods

The Iroquois County State Wildlife Area (ICSWA) was visited by 2 (occasionally 3) investigators on 10 occasions between 6-15-89 and 7-13-90. Aerial nets were employed to capture butterflies during each visit. Common, easily identified insects were captured, identified, and released. Uncommon species were sacrificed and retained for further examination; these are currently housed as voucher specimens at Northeastern Illinois University and in the collection of the junior author.

Specimens were identified using a variety of taxonomic manuals, keys, and field guides, most of which are listed in the attached bibliography. In the case of duskywing butterflies (*Erynnis* spp.), specimens were compared with reference specimens from the collection of the Milwaukee Public Museum.

An arbitrary butterfly census route, designed to traverse representative portions of the Hooper Branch Nature Preserve, was established in 1989 (Fig. 1). Four censuses were completed between 5-26-90 and 7-11-90 in accordance with the procedures outlined by Pollard (1977). The following criteria were observed: The census taker (DS). . .

- (1) proceeded at a uniform pace (1 hour/census)
- (2) conducted surveys between the hours of 10 AM and 3 PM.
- (3) surveyed only on days with less than 50% cloud cover.
- (4) surveyed only on days with moderate to light winds.
- (5) recorded all species sighted within 6 meters
- (6) paused briefly to chase, capture, and identify fast-moving or illusive individuals. Returned to departure point to resume route.

## Results

Forty-six butterflies were captured and identified to species. Sixteen of these were determined to be uncommon remnant-restricted species (Tables 1, 2, and 3).

Twenty-four species were recorded during the census portion of this study (Table 4). Relative daily population densities ranged from 1/hr to 12/hour; one hundred and thirty-four individuals were recorded along the census route this year.

### Discussion

Iroquois County State Wildlife Area (ICSWA) supports an impressive butterfly fauna. The **prairie-restricted** butterfly fauna compares favorably with those recorded on the largest prairie remnants in the Chicago region, and far surpasses, in diversity, the faunas of the smaller prairie remnants in this area (Table 1).

Three of the prairie-associated species found at ICSWA, *E. bimacula*, *E. martialis*, and *S. idalia*, are known to occur on few sites in the Chicago region\* and thus should be considered to be rare elements (S2). Several others, including *E. conspicua*, *P. massasoit*, *S. acadica*, *B. selene myrina*, and *S. aphrodite* are uncommon and tend to occur only on the larger remnants in this region. *E. conspicua*, *A. delaware*, *T. bathyllus*, *S. cybele*, and *H. titus* are somewhat uncommon and will likely become more so as shrinking habitat islands become more isolated and local extinctions accelerate. Four ICSWA prairie species, *E. bimacula*, *E. conspicua*, *P. massasoit*, and *S. idalia* are listed as watch species in Illinois.

In addition to the rich prairie fauna described above, three notable **savanna-associated** species were found to occur on this site; Two of these, *A. vialis*, and *E. briza*, are uncommon in this region, due largely to the extensive destruction of their savanna habitats. *Hesperia sassacus* is very rare in both Illinois and Indiana (Threatened), and should be considered to be a rare element (S1).

The combined prairie-and-savanna-restricted butterfly fauna of BD&S ranks with the Hoosier and Clark and Pine Preserves (Indiana) in terms of species abundance (Table 2). However, most of the rare upland, sand savanna species of this region have yet to be encountered at ICSWA. The Cobweb skipper, *Hesperia metea*, the Ottoo skipper, *Hesperia ottoe*, the Dusted skipper, *Atrytonopsis hianna*, the Frosted elfin, *Calliphrys irus*, the Karner blue,

*Lycaeides melissa samuelis*, the Edward's hairstreak, *Satyrium edwardsii*, and the Olympic marble, *Euchloe olympia*, seem conspicuous in their absence at ICSWA. It is possible that extensive grazing has resulted in the loss of several of these narrowly restricted upland species.

### **Survey Thoroughness**

We have likely recorded 80-90% of the butterflies that occur on this site. An effort will be made in 1990/91 to locate additional species.

### **Recommendations**

Prescribed burning . . . The remnant-restricted insects of ICSWA can be expected to benefit from the opening and recovery of the degraded upland prairie and savanna habitats on this site. In this regard, we would recommend that IDOC burn at least 25% (but no more than 50%) of the upland habitats of ICSWA each year.

Butterfly monitoring . . . Only 6 of the 16 remnant-dependent species of ICSWA appeared along our savanna census route during this study. We would recommend that IDOC consider adding an open prairie route at some point in the future.

An effort should be made to recruit a volunteer butterfly monitor for this important site. (Doug Taron coordinates volunteer butterfly monitoring for ITNC in northern IL)

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Table 1. Distribution of butterfly species abundance on 24 grassland remnants in northern Illinois and Indiana

Remnant:	Area (ha.):	Species number:		
		Prairie-Restricted species*	Other species	Total species
<b>Iroquois CSUA</b>	<b>600.0</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>46</b>
Beaver Lake Prairie	250.0	12	24	36
Nachusa Grasslands	100.0	15	41	56
Lockport Prairie	75.0	11	22	33
Spring Hill Farm Fen	70.0	13	31	44
Romeoville Prairie	60.0	11	24	34
G. M. Prairie	60.0	15	35	50
West Chicago Prairie	60.0	16	26	42
Clark and Pine Prairie	50.0	14	33	47
Pratts Wayne Marsh	44.0	10	20	31
Toll-road Prairie	35.0	6	17	23
Sun Drop Prairie	28.0	8	24	32
Cook Prairie	16.0	13	26	39
Paintbrush Prairie	15.0	7	23	30
Somme Prairie	14.0	8	18	26
Buffalo Grove Prairie	6.4	6	16	22
I- 57 Prairie	4.5	3	17	20
Belmont Prairie	4.2	6	27	33
Chicago Ridge Prairie	3.6	3	18	21
Shoe Factory Hill Prairie	3.5	3	18	21
Santa Fe Prairie	3.0	5	17	22
Cary Prairie	2.0	3	19	22
Main Street Prairie	2.0	2	19	21
Vermont Cemetery Prairie	1.0	1	14	15

\* This category includes those prairie species that are seldom encountered outside native prairie remnants. This figure does not include savanna/woodland restricted species such as *E. brizo*, *T. pylades*, etc.

TABLE 2. The remnant-restricted butterflies of five sand savannas in Illinois and Indiana

Species:	Site:	B'wood	Tefft	Hoosier	C&P	Iroq
<i>Atrytonopsis hianna</i>					(*)	
<i>Euphyes dion</i>		*			*	
<i>Euphyes conspicua</i>		X	X	X	X	X
<i>Euphyes bimacula</i>		*				X
<i>Poanes viator</i>						
<i>Poanes massasoit</i>				X		X
<i>Problema byssus</i>		*	*		*	
<i>Atrytone delaware</i>		X	X	X	X	
<i>Polites origines</i>		X	X		X	X
<i>Hesperia metea</i>			(*)			
<i>Hesperia sassacus</i>			(*)			(*)
<i>Hesperia ottoe</i>					(*)	
<i>Hesperia leonardus</i>					(*)	
<i>Amblyscirtes vialis</i>		X	X			X
<i>Erynnis icelus</i>		X	X	X	X	?
<i>Erynnis brizo</i>			X			X
<i>Erynnis martialis</i>			*	*		*
<i>Thorybes bathyllus</i>		X	X		X	X
<i>Thorybes pylades</i>		X			X	
<i>Euchloe olympia</i>			(*)			
<i>Harknclenus titus</i>		X	X	X	X	X
<i>Strymon acadica</i>		X		X		X
<i>Satyrium edwardsii</i>			X	X		
<i>Lycaena thoe</i>		X	X	X	X	
<i>Lycaena helloides</i>		X		X		X
<i>Lycaena xanthoides</i>					*	
<i>Callophrys irus</i>			(*)			
<i>Chlosyne nycteis</i>			X			
<i>Chlosyne gorgone carlota</i>		*				
<i>Boloria selene myrina</i>		X	X	X		X
<i>Boloria bellona</i>		X				
<i>Speyeria idalia</i>		*				*
<i>Speyeria aphrodite</i>		X	X	X		X
<i>Cercyonis pegala olympus</i>		X	X	X	X	X
<i>Lethe eurydice</i>		X		X	X	
<i>Lethe portlandia anthedon</i>			X			
Totals:		22	21	15	17	16

B'wood = Braidwood Dune & Savanna; Tefft = Tefft Savanna; C&P = Clarke & Pine Nature Preserve; Hoosier = Hoosier Prairie, Iroq = Iroquois CSMA

\* = Very uncommon or rare species in this region.

(\*) = very rare prairie/savanna species (<10 sites in Illinois and Indiana combined).

TABLE 3. The wetland butterflies of five sand savannas in Illinois and Indiana

Species:	Site:	B'wood	Tefft	Hoosier	C&P	Iroq
<i>Euphyes dion</i>		*			*	
<i>Euphyes conspicua</i>		X	X	X	X	X
<i>Euphyes bimacula</i>		*				*
<i>Poanes viator</i>		*				
<i>Poanes massasoit</i>				X		X
<i>Strymon acadica</i>		X		X		X
<i>Lycaena thoe</i>		X	X	X	X	
<i>Lycaena helloides</i>		X		X		X
<i>Lycaena xanthoides</i>					*	
<i>Chlosyne nycteis</i>			X			
<i>Boloria selene myrina</i>		X	X	X		X
<i>Boloria bellona</i>		X				
<i>Lethe eurydice</i>		X		X	X	
Totals:		10	4	7	5	6

B'wood = Braidwood Dune & Savanna; Tefft = Tefft Savanna; C&P = Clarke & Pine Nature Preserve; Hoosier = Hoosier Prairie; Iroq = Iroquois Prairie  
 \* = Very uncommon or rare species in this region.



TABLE 4. Butterfly census route data: **Seasonal summary (by Transect)**  
 Hooper Branch Nature Preserve  
 Census dates: May 26; June 4; June 17; July 9 (1990)

Species:	Transect:	A	B	C	Total sightings
<i>Polites coras</i>		-	1	-	1
<i>P. themistocles</i>		-	1	-	1
<i>P. origines</i>		1	1	-	2
<i>Pholisora catullus</i>		8	11	7	26
<i>Erynnis juvenalis</i>		5	-	5	10
<i>Hesperia sassacus</i>		2	-	-	2
<i>P. glaucus</i>		3	1	2	6
<i>P. triolus</i>		6	4	1	11
<i>Pieris protodice</i>		1	11	-	12
<i>Colias eurytheme/philodice</i>		2	6	-	8
<i>Eurema lisa</i>		4	-	-	
<i>Harkenclenus titus</i>		1	-	2	3
<i>Lycaena phlaeas americana</i>		2	3	3	8
<i>Everes comyntas</i>		2	1	-	3
<i>Lycaena helloides</i>		-	1	-	1
<i>Cynthia virginensis</i>		2	1	-	3
<i>Cynthia cardui</i>		1	1	-	2
<i>Nymphalis antiopa</i>		3	-	-	3
<i>Polygonia interrogationis</i>		1	-	-	1
<i>Phyciodes tharos</i>		-	-	1	1
<i>Speyeria cybele</i>		1	-	-	1
<i>Speyeria aphrodite</i>		-	1	-	1
<i>Danaus plexippus</i>		6	9	1	16
<i>Euptychia cymela</i>		1	-	-	1
<i>Cercyonis pegala olympus</i>		3	-	-	

A = open savanna; B = old field; C = roadside (see route map)

TABLE 5

Butterfly Census Route Data: Hooper Branch Nature Preserve (May 26, 1990)

Observer: D. Stillwaugh Experience 6 yrs Time 1:00 to 2:00

Temperature: 80 F Wind conditions (underline one) relatively still moderately windy

Sky (underline one) clear (80-100% cloudless) partial clouds (50-80% cloudless)

Comments:

Species:	Transect:	S	P	C	Total Sightings:
<i>Polites coras</i>		-	1	-	1
<i>Erynnis juvenalis</i>		2	-	4	6
<i>Pholisora cattulus</i>		2	1	2	5
<i>Papilio glaucus</i>		2	-	1	3
<i>Papilio troilus</i>		4	-	1	5
<i>Lycaena helloides</i>		-	1	-	1
<i>Lycaena phlaeas</i>		1	2	1	4
<i>Cynthia virginiensis</i>		1	-	-	1
<i>Danaus plexippus</i>		1	-	-	1

A = open savanna; B = old field; C = roadside (see route map)

TABLE 6

Butterfly Census Route Data: Hooper Branch Nature Preserve (**June 4, 1990**)

Observer: D. Stillwaugh Experience 5 yrs Time 11:00 to 12:00

Temperature: 90 F Wind conditions (underline one) relatively still moderately windy

Sky (underline one) clear (80-100% cloudless) partial clouds (50-80% cloudless)

Comments:

<b>Species:</b>	<b>Transect:</b>	<b>S</b>	<b>P</b>	<b>C</b>	<b>Total Sightings:</b>
Polites origines		1	-	-	1
Pholisora cattulus		-	1	2	3
Erynnis juvenalis		1	-	-	1
Papilio troilus		2	1	-	3
Cynthia virginiensis		2	-	-	2
Nymphalis antiopa		3	-	-	3
Polygonia interrogationis		1	-	-	1
Phycoides tharos		-	-	1	1
Danaus plexippus		1	1	-	2

A = open savanna; B = old field; C = roadside (see route map)

TABLE 7

Butterfly Census Route Data: Braidwood Dunes & Savanna Nature Preserve (June-17-90)

Observer: D. Stillwaugh Experience 5 yrs Time 12:30 to 1:30

Temperature: 90 F Wind conditions (underline one) relatively still moderately windy

Sky (underline one) clear (80-100% cloudless) partial clouds (50-80% cloudless)

Comments:

Species:	Transect:	S	P	C	M	Total Sightings:
Pholisora cattulus		3	2	1		6
Erynnis juvenalis		2	-	1		3
Hesperia sassacus		2	-	-		2
Papilio triolus		-	3	-		3
P. glaucus		1	1	1		3
C. eurytheme/philodice		1	1	-		2
Lycaena phlaeas		-	1	-		1
Cynthia virginiensis		-	1	-		1
Cynthia cardui		1	1	-		2
Danaus plexippus		4	2	-		6
Euptychia cymela		1	-	-		1

A = open savanna; B = old field; C = roadside (see route map)

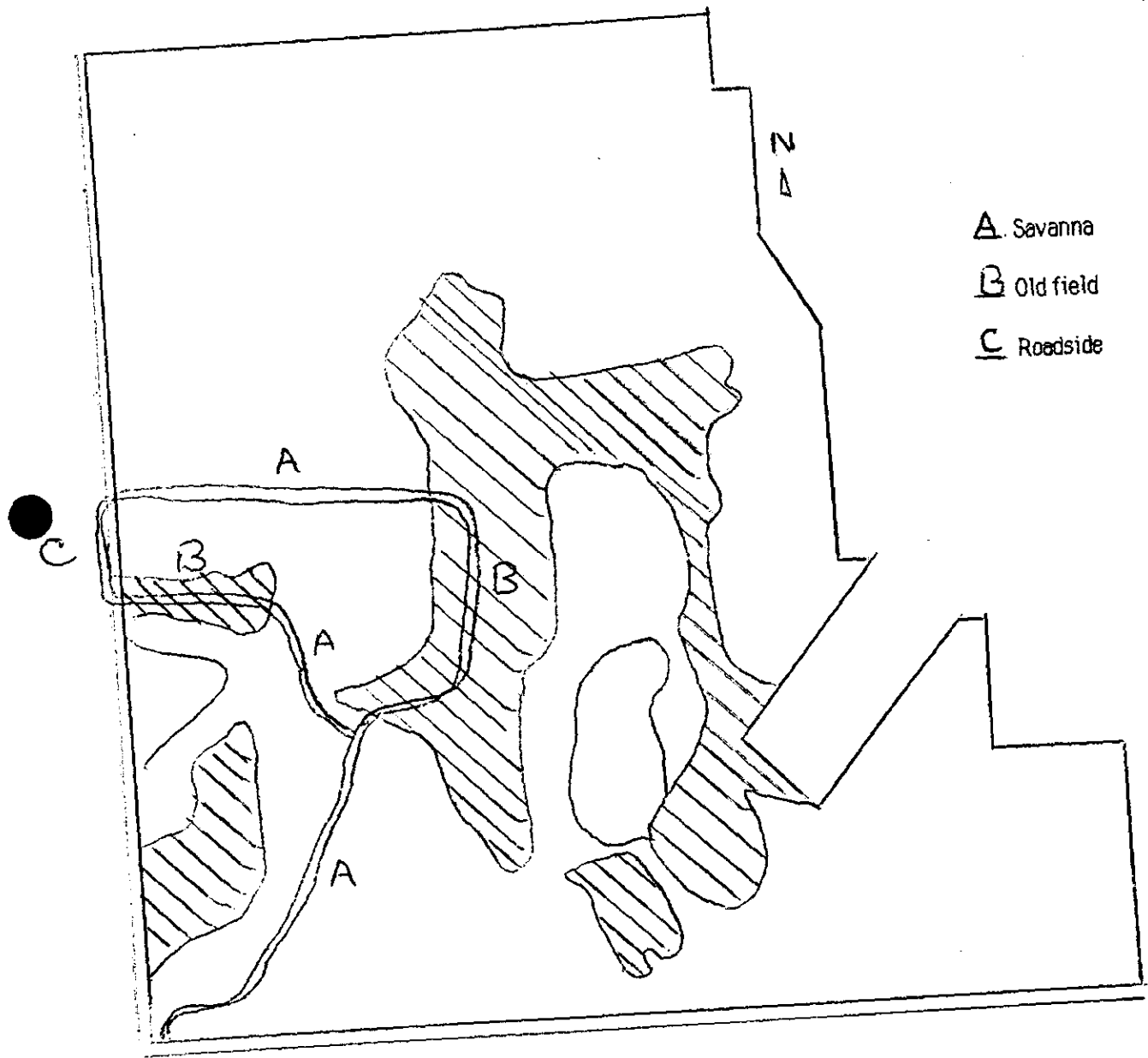
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Butterfly Census Route Data: Hooper Branch Nature Preserve (July 9, 1990)  
 Observer: D. Stillwaugh Experience 5 yrs Time 11:00 to 12:00  
 Temperature: 90 F Wind conditions (underline one) relatively still moderately windy  
 Sky (underline one) clear (80-100% cloudless) partial clouds (50-80% cloudless)  
 Comments:

Species:	Transect:	S	P	C	Total Sightings:
Polites themistocles		-	1	-	1
Polites origines		-	1	-	1
Pholisora cattulus		3	5	2	10
Colias erytheme		1	5	-	6
Eurema lisa		4	-	-	4
Pieris protodice		1	11	-	12
Everes comyntas		2	1	-	3
Harknclenus titus		1	-	2	3
Lycaena phlaeas		1	-	2	3
Speyeria cybele		1	-	-	1
Speyeria aphrodite		-	1	-	1
Danaus plexippus		-	6	1	7
Cercyonis pegala		3	-	1	4
Euptychia cymela		1	-	-	1

A = open savanna; B = old field; C = roadside (see route map)

Fig. 1 Hooper Branch Nature Preserve Butterfly Census Route



**ANNOTATED LIST OF THE BUTTERFLIES OF THE IROQUOIS  
CONSERVATION STATE WILDLIFE AREA, ILLINOIS**

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**L** = Listed as endangered, threatened, or as a "watch" species in IL.  
**\*** = Remnant-restricted species . . . species which occur very  
infrequently outside of natural area remnants in this region.  
**Dates** = earliest records.

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**Order Lepidoptera: Butterflies**

**family HesperIIDae: The Skippers**

*Amblyscirtes vialis* (Edwards)\* **Roadside skipper**  
This is a very uncommon sand savanna species in this region. Recorded  
visiting *V. pedata* on 5-20-90 through 6-4-90.

*Euphyes conspicua* (Edwards)\* **Black dash** <sup>L</sup>  
Uncommon in wet prairies and sedge meadows. Host plants are sedges  
(*Carex* spp.). 7-10-89 & 7-13-90

*Euphyes vestris metacomet* (harris) **Dun**  
A common, wide ranging species with a wide ecological amplitude.  
6-7-90

*Euphyes bimacula* (Grote and Robinson)\* **Two-spot** <sup>L</sup>  
Host plants of this very uncommon wet/mesic prairie species are  
reported to be sedges. Recorded on mountain mint on the large wet  
prairie to the south of Hooper Branch. 7-13-90

*Poanes passasoit* (Scudder)\* **Mulberry wing** <sup>L</sup>  
Uncommon in northern sedge meadows. Host plants are sedges (*Carex*  
spp.). 7-5-89 & 7-13-90

**Hesperiidae, continued**

*Hallengrenia egeremet* (Scudder) **Broken dash**  
A common, wide ranging species with a wide ecological amplitude.  
7-13-90

*Palites coras* (Cramer) **Peck's skipper**  
A common skipper that occurs with regularity in both prairie and degraded habitats. Host plants are grasses. 5-26-90

*Palites themisticles* (Latreille) **Tawny-edged skipper**  
A common, wide ranging species with a wide ecological amplitude.  
6-7-90 through 7-13-90

*Palites origines* (Fabricius)\* **Cross line skipper**  
This species exhibits a high fidelity for upland prairie in this region. Host plants are grasses. Recorded visiting *Lithospermum* on 7-13-90 & 6-4-90.

*Hesperia sassacus* Harris\* **Indian skipper**  
This is a rare sand savanna species in Indiana (Threatened) and Illinois. Recorded in Hooper Branch and in the savanna to the south on 6-7-90.

*Pholisora catullus* Fabricius **Common sooty wing**  
This is a common, wide ranging species that occurs along roadsides and other degraded habitats where it is reported to feed on *Chenopodium album*, an exotic weed. It is very likely that presettlement populations fed on *C. basicianus*, *C. leptophyllum*, etc. in sand savanna habitats similar to ICSWA. 6-20-90 through 7-13-90.

*Erynnis briza* (B. & L.)\* **Sleepy dusky wing**  
This savanna species appears to be uncommon in northern Illinois. Host plants are oaks. Two individuals captured on 5-20-90.

*Erynnis baptisiae* (Forbes) **Baptisia dusky wing**  
This once rare upland prairie and savanna species has recently begun to feed on crown vetch and is becoming more common. 7-13-90

*Erynnis martialis* (Scudder)\* **Mottled dusky wing**  
This is a rare prairie/savanna species in Indiana (Threatened) and Illinois. Host plant is *Ceanothus americanus*. Recorded in Hooper Branch and in the savanna to the south on 5-6-90.



**Hesperiidae, continued**

*Erynnis juvenalis* (Scudder & Burgess)      **Juvenal's dusky wing**  
This common spring savanna/woodland species feeds on oaks, including *Quercus velutina*. Nectar plants at ICSWA include *Lithospermum*, *Phlox bifida*, and *Linaria canadensis*. 5-20-90 through 6-7-90.

*Thorybes bathyllus* (J. E. Smith)\*      **Southern cloudy wing**  
This prairie/savanna species is somewhat common in this region. Leguminous host plants include *Amorpha* and *Lespedeza*. 7-10-89 & 7-13-90

*Epargyreus clarus* (Cramer)      **Silver-spotted skipper**  
This is a common, wide-ranging skipper that feeds on *Amorpha*, *Lespedeza*, *Desmodium*, and other legumes, including *Robinia pseudo-acacia*, an introduced southern species. 7-5-89 & 6-7-90

**family Papilionidae: The Swallowtails**

*Papilio polyxenes asterius* Stoll      **Black swallowtail**  
Host plants are members of the family Umbelliferae and include *Zizia aurea* and the exotic *Daucus carota*. This is a common, wide ranging species. 5-20-90

*Papilio glaucus* Linnaeus      **Tiger swallowtail**  
This is a wide ranging, common ecotonal/savanna species. Host plant species include *Prunus* spp. 5-20 through 6-7-90.

*Papilio troilus* Linnaeus      **Spicebush swallowtail**  
This savanna/woodland species is somewhat common in this region. Host plant species include Sassafras (*Sassafras albidum*) and prickly ash (*Xanthoxylum americanum*). 5-26-90 through 6-7-90.

**family Pieridae: The Sulfurs and Whites**

*Pieris protodice* Boisduval & LeConte      **Checkered white**  
This is a somewhat common species in sandy areas of all types. 6-27-90

*Pieris rapae* Linnaeus      **Cabbage butterfly**  
This is a ubiquitous, wide ranging exotic species. 7-5-89 & 6-5-90

**Pieridae, continued**

*Colias eurytheme* Boisduval **Alfalfa**  
A very common, wide ranging species. 5-30-90

*Colias philodice* Godart **Common sulphur**  
Another very common, wide ranging species. 5-30-90

*Eurema lisa* (Boisduval & LeConte) **Little sulphur**  
Host plants are legumes and include *Cassia*. This uncommon species apparently migrates northward regularly from stable populations to the south. 7-13-89

**family Lycaenidae: The Gossamer-Winged Butterflies**

*Harknessclenus titus* (Fabricius)\* **Coral hairstreak**  
This species exhibits a high fidelity for upland prairies in this region. *Titus* seldom occurs in old field situations, despite its reported reliance on members of the genus *Prunus* as host plant species. 6-27-90

*Strymon melinus humuli* (Harris) **Gray hairstreak**  
This uncommon southern hairstreak migrates into this area regularly but is apparently unable to overwinter at this latitude. 7-10-89

*Strymon acadica* (Edwards)\* **Acadian hairstreak**  
This uncommon wet prairie species is at the southern edge of it's range in northern Illinois. 7-5-89 & 6-30-90

*Lycaena helloides* (Boisduval)\* **Purplish copper**  
This increasingly uncommon wet prairie/sedge meadow species feeds on smartweeds (*Polygonum* spp.). 7-5-89

*Lycaena phlaeas americana* Harris **American copper**  
The reported food plant of this common species is *Rumex acetosella*. This species occurs throughout Europe and ranges into North Africa and Asia, and may be an introduced species. 6-27-90

*Everes caryntas* (Godart) **Eastern tailed blue**  
Host plants of this very common species are legumes and include *Lespedeza*, *Desmodium*, *Baptisia*, and the exotic *Trifolium*.

family **Nymphalidae**: The Brush Footed Butterflies

*Limenitis arthemis astyanax* (Fabricius) **Red-spotted purple**

This somewhat common, woodland species is reported to feed on a wide variety of woody host plant species. 7-7-89

*Limenitis archippus* (Cramer) **Viceroy**

Host plants for this common species include *Salix* and *Populus*. 7-13-90

*Cynthia cardui* (Linnaeus) **Painted lady**

The host plants of this very common, migratory species are composites. 7-13-89

*Cynthia virginensis* (Drury) **American painted lady**

The host plants of this common, wide ranging species include pussy toes (*Antennaria* spp.). 5-26-90 through 7-13-90

*Precis coenia* (Hubner) **Buckeye**

This is an uncommon, southern grassland species that is apparently unable to survive the harsh winters at this latitude. 7-11-89 & 7-13-90

*Nymphalis antiopa* (Linnaeus) **Mourning cloak**

This common, wide ranging species feeds on willows (*Salix*) and overwinters as an adult. 7-13-89

*Polygonia interrogatoris* (Fabricius) **Questionmark**

This is a common woodland species. 6-4-90

*Phycoides tharos* (Drury) **Pearl crescent**

The host plants of this very common species are asters, especially *A. novae-angliae*. Ubiquitous on 7-5-89 & 5-20-90

*Boloria selene myrina* (Cramer)\* **Silver bordered fritillary**

The host plants for this uncommon, wet prairie species are violets. 7-10-89 & 6-4-90

*Speyeria idalia* (Drury)\* **Regal fritillary** <sup>L</sup>

This prairie species is uncommon/rare throughout its entire range and is certainly rare in the Chicago area. Host plants are violets and include *U. pedata*. Two individuals sited within Hooper Branch on 7-10-89.

**Nymphalidae, continued**

*Speyeria cybele* (Fabricius) **Great spangled fritillary**  
The host plants of this savanna/prairie edge species are violets.  
7-11-89

*Speyeria aphrodite* (Fabricius)\* **Aphrodite**  
The host plants of this uncommon, prairie species are violets.  
Recorded on the large wet prairie to the south of Hooper Branch.  
7-11-89 and 7-13-90.

family **Daniidae**: The Monarchs

*Danaus plexippus* (Linnaeus) **Monarch**  
This is a very common, migratory species.

family **Satyridae**: The Satyrs and Wood Nymphs

*Euptychia cymela* (Cramer) **Little wood satyr**  
This butterfly of the prairie/woodland ecotone feeds on grasses.  
6-7-90 through 7-11-90

*Cercyonis pegala olympus* (Edwards)\* **Wood nymph**  
This inhabitant of the prairie/woodland ecotone is less restricted to  
edges than the preceding species and in fact ventures well out into  
open prairies. Host plants are grasses. 7-11-89 & 6-30-90

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