

South Jersey Butterflies: 55 Species You Can Find

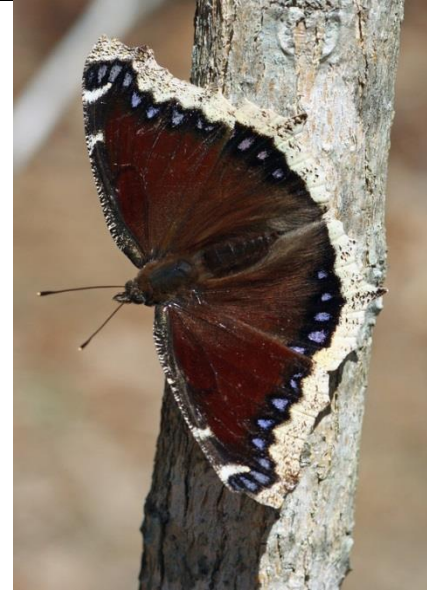
Since 2008, the **South Jersey Butterfly Project** has been tracking butterflies in the NJ's southern eight counties: Burlington, Ocean, Camden, Atlantic, Gloucester, Salem, Cumberland, and Cape May.

We chart which species are flying when, in what numbers, and lots more. So far, we have documented the abundance, seasonality, habitats, and behavior of 107 species. Fifty-five of them are listed here.

We are always on the lookout for new observers. Would you like to participate? It's free and easy. All you need is curiosity! Go to sjbutterflies.org or Google "**South Jersey Butterflies**" to find our log and blog and to learn more. (For instance, what are the 50 species of our area *not* listed here?)

Status and seasonality listed below are averages from 2008-2017. Species listed with "fluctuating numbers" are especially variable, but all species' numbers go up and down from year to year. In some years "widespread" species can be rare, and "uncommon" numerous. Seasonality also shifts with weather and other variables, so we have reports of some individuals outside the average flight periods noted here.

Species marked with an asterisk (*) are single-brooded: adults emerge to fly for one short period a year. Most SJ species, however, have two or three broods (generations) each year and so can be recorded over several different months. *See the sightings log and the blog for more info about when and where to find these butterflies – and also how you might report your own discoveries.*



SWALLOWTAILS	
Pipeline Swallowtail	Localized, most frequent in July
Black Swallowtail	Widespread, April-October
E. Tiger Swallowtail	Widespread, April-September
Spicebush Swallowtail	Widespread, May-September
WHITES & SULPHURS	
Cabbage White	Abundant April-October
Falcate Orange-tip*	Localized, usually seen only in April
Clouded Sulphur	Widespread, April-October
Orange Sulphur	Abundant, April-November
Cloudless Sulphur	Migrant from south, usually Aug-Oct
LYCAENIDS	
American Copper	Widespread, April-October
Coral Hairstreak*	Localized, usually seen only June-July
Banded Hairstreak*	Localized, usually seen only June-July
Juniper Hairstreak	Fluctuating yearly numbers, May-August
White-M Hairstreak	Fluctuating yearly numbers, May-Sept
Gray Hairstreak	Widespread, May-October
Red-banded Hairstreak	Fluctuating yearly numbers, May-Oct
Eastern Tailed-Blue	Widespread, April-October
Blueberry Azure*	Localized, usually seen only March-April
Holly Azure*	Localized, usually seen only April-May
Summer Azure	Fairly common, May-September
NYMPHALIDS	
American Snout	Localized near hackberry, May-August
Variiegated Fritillary	May-October, some years common
Pearl Crescent	April-October, occ. very numerous
Question Mark	March-May, August-October
Eastern Comma	Virtually same as its lookalike above
Mourning Cloak	Usually first species of spring, March-Oct
American Lady	Widespread, April-October
Painted Lady	Fluctuating yearly numbers; can be rare
Red Admiral	Widespread; records for all 12 months
Common Buckeye	Widespread, April-Oct/November
Red-spotted Purple	Widespread, May-Sept/October
Little Wood-Satyr	Widespread, May-July (possibly *)
Common Wood Nymph	Widespread, June-September
DANAIDS	
Monarch	Uncommon May/June; numerous later

SPREAD-WING SKIPPERS	
Silver-spotted Skipper	Widespread, April-October
Northern Cloudywing	Localized, tough ID, May/June-July
Southern Cloudywing	Like lookalike above
Juvenal's Duskywing*	Widespread, April-May
Horace's Duskywing	Widespread, April/May-September
Wild Indigo Duskywing	Tough ID, lookalikes above, May-Sept
Common Checkered	Fluctuating numbers, June-Sept
Common Sootywing	Fairly common, May-August
FOLDED-WING SKIPPERS	
Least Skipper	Widespread, May-October
Peck's Skipper	Summer, mostly north of Cape May Co
Tawny-edged Skipper	Requires careful ID, May-Sept
Crossline Skipper	Compare lookalike above, May-Sept
Little Glassywing	Fairly common, June-August
Sachem	May-November; often abundant
Rare Skipper*	Localized, brackish rivers in July
Delaware Skipper	Widespread, June-August
Zabulon Skipper	Widespread, May-Sept
Aaron's Skipper	Coastal and localized, June-Sept
Broad-winged Skipper	Coastal, June-Sept, oft abundant
Dun Skipper	Widespread, late May-Sept
Salt-Marsh Skipper	Coastal, June-Sept; oft abundant
Another Species?	See the blog for full list
<i>Not on blog list? →</i>	<i>Please photo and report on our log.</i>

