

Butterflies of Iowa

Butterflies are attracted to different types of plants. Having a wide variety of flowers in your garden encourages many butterflies to visit. How many butterflies can you spot in the gardens today?

Butterflies go through four stages of life - egg, larva, pupa, and adult.
Here are pictures of butterflies in the larval (caterpillar) and adult (butterfly) stages.



Red Admiral



Hackberry Emperor



Red Spotted Purple



Swallowtail

Do you see a butterfly that is not listed here?
Draw a picture and look it up at home!

Fritillaries and Orange Patterned Butterflies:

Have orange wings with black patterns.

Can you see the differences between the four butterflies?



Viceroy



Monarch



Variegated Fritillary



Great Spangled Fritillary

Viceroy's have smaller wings with a horizontal black stripe across the lower set. Monarchs have larger wings with no stripe. They glide when they fly.

Variegated Fritillaries are smaller and a lighter color with a distinctive tan area in the center of their wings. Great Spangled Fritillaries are larger and have light spots on the underside of their wings.

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