

Butterflies On The Wing April, 2019

April 26, 2019

The rain this week did not deter butterflies from finding the garden. Our list of blooms is growing, and while it lasts, the Texas Bluestar is the favorite food of swallowtails and brush-footed butterflies. Mid-day is the most active time for butterfly feeding right now.

Seen this week in the Butterfly Garden:

American Lady
Black Swallowtail
Checkered White
Cloudless Sulphur
Dainty Sulphur
Eastern Tiger Swallowtail
Giant Swallowtail
Gray Hairstreak
Phaon Crescent
Sleepy Orange
Variegated Fritillary

Plants in Bloom this week:

Prairie Verbena
Spiderwort
Bluebonnets
Coral Honeysuckle
Lyre Leaf Sage
Texas Betony
Salvia Greggii
Winecup
Crossvine
Huisache Daisy
Tuberous Vervain (Sandpaper Verbena)
Wild Blue Indigo – Baptisia
Englemann Daisy
Texas Bluestar
Brazos (Gulf) Penstemon
Cedar Sage
Mealy Blue Sage

April 19, 2019

Many more butterflies can be seen on a calm, warm day. There's lots of greenery and frequent blooms to attract them. I hope you can enjoy some quiet time in the garden.

Seen this week in the Butterfly Garden:

Monarch
Orange Sulphur
Black Swallowtail
Dainty Sulphur
Eastern Tiger Swallowtail
Red Admiral
Pearl Crescent
Funereal Duskywing
Gray Hairstreak
American Snout
Eastern Tailed-blue
Giant Swallowtail
Sleepy Orange
Variegated Fritillary

Plants in Bloom this week:

Prairie Verbena
Spiderwort
Bluebonnets
Coral Honeysuckle
Lyre Leaf Sage
Texas Betony
Salvia Greggii
Winecup
Crossvine
Huisache Daisy
Tuberous Vervain
Wild Blue Indigo – Baptisia
Englemann Daisy
Texas Bluestar
Brazos Penstemon

April 12, 2019

A few warm days have brought out more butterflies and blooms, both in the garden and out on the refuge. Monarchs that migrated south in the fall are back and looking for a place to lay their eggs.

Seen this week in the Butterfly Garden:

Monarch
Orange Sulphur
Black Swallowtail
Dainty Sulphur
Eastern Tiger Swallowtail
Red Admiral
Clouded Skipper
Funereal Duskywing
Gray Hairstreak

Plants in Bloom this week:

Prairie Verbena
Spiderwort
Bluebonnets
Coral Honeysuckle
Buffalo Currant
Mexican Buckeye
Lyre Leaf Sage
Texas Betony
Salvia Greggii
Winecup

April 5, 2019

Butterflies and blooms are slowly emerging. There are more butterflies out on the refuge than in the garden, so consider taking a drive on Silliman Rd.

Seen this week in the Butterfly Garden:

Monarch
Orange Sulphur
Cloudless Sulphur
Checkered White

Also Seen:

Hummingbird species

Plants in Bloom this week:

Redbud
Prairie Verbena
Spiderwort
Bluebonnets
Coral Honeysuckle
Buffalo Currant
Dandelion