

## Butterflies On The Wing May, 2019

May 31, 2019

Major flooding continues and some trails are now affected. However, the Butterfly Garden is always open! It might even attract some species that are having trouble finding their nectar sources elsewhere. Come check it out.

### *Seen this week in the Butterfly Garden:*

American Lady	Little Yellow
Black Swallowtail	Monarch
Cabbage White	Orange Sulphur
Checkered White	Phaon Crescent
Cloudless Sulphur	Red Admiral
Dainty Sulphur	Sleepy Orange
Eastern Tiger Swallowtail	Texan Crescent
Gray Hairstreak	Variegated Fritillary

### *Plants in Bloom this week:*

Spiderwort	Zexmenia
Coral Honeysuckle	Purple Coneflower
Texas Betony	Elderberry
Salvia Greggii	4-Nerve Daisy
Winecup	Gaillardia (Indian Blanket)
Crossvine	Prairie Fleabane
Tuberous Vervain (Sandpaper Verbena)	Gaura
Englemann Daisy	Texas Dandelion
Mealy Blue Sage	American Basket-flower
Drummond's Petunia	Clasping-leaf Coneflower
Evening Primrose	Horse Mint
Texas Lantana	Black-eyed Susan
Blackfoot Daisy	Standing Cyprus
Wild Morning Glory	Thelesperma
Yarrow	Twisted leaf Yucca
Lance-leaf Coreopsis	Common Wild Petunia
Butterfly Weed (Asclepias tuberosa)	Smooth Sumac
Green Milkweed (Asclepias viridis)	Passion Vine
Antelope-horns Milkweed (Asclepias asperula)	Giant Coneflower
Horseherb	Frogfruit
	Day Flower (Widow's Tears)

May 24, 2019

Much of the refuge remains under water but butterflies continue to visit the garden. New plants are in bloom this week and some butterfly sightings are the first of the season.

*Seen this week in the Butterfly Garden:*

American Lady	Gulf Fritillary
Banded Hairstreak	Hackberry Emperor
Black Swallowtail	Little Yellow
Checkered White	Monarch
Cloudless Sulphur	Question Mark
Dainty Sulphur	Red Admiral
Fiery Skipper	Tawny Emperor
Giant Swallowtail	Variegated Fritillary
Gray Hairstreak	

*Plants in Bloom this week:*

Prairie Verbena	Wild Morning Glory
Spiderwort	Yarrow
Coral Honeysuckle	Lance-leaf Coreopsis
Lyre Leaf Sage	Butterfly Weed ( <i>Asclepias tuberosa</i> )
Texas Betony	Showy Milkweed ( <i>Asclepias speciose</i> )
Salvia Greggii	Green Milkweed ( <i>Asclepias viridis</i> )
Winecup	Antelope-Horns Milkweed ( <i>Asclepias</i>
Crossvine	<i>Asperula</i> )
Tuberous Vervain (Sandpaper Verbena)	Horseherb
Englemann Daisy	Zexmania
Texas Bluestar	Purple Coneflower
Brazos (Gulf Coast) Penstemon	Elderberry
Calylophus (Sundrops)	4-Nerve Daisy
Cedar Sage	Gaillardia (Indian Blanket)
Mealy Blue Sage	Prairie Fleabane
Drummond's Petunia	Gaura
Showy Primrose	Texas Dandelion
Missouri Primrose	American Basketflower
Texas Lantana	Clasping-leaf Coneflower
Blackfoot Daisy	Horse Mint
Rough-leaf Dogwood	Black-eyed Susan

May 17, 2019

Warmer weather and more plants in bloom attracted many more butterfly species. Look for hummingbirds, dragonflies, ladybugs, and other insects in the garden.

*Seen this week in the Butterfly Garden:*

American Lady	Hackberry Emperor
Black Swallowtail	Little Yellow
Cabbage White	Monarch
Checkered White	Orange Sulphur
Cloudless Sulphur	Painted Lady
Common Buckeye	Pipevine Swallowtail
Dainty Sulphur	Queen
Eastern Tiger Swallowtail	Question Mark
Giant Swallowtail	Red Admiral
Goatweed Leafwing	Sleepy Orange
Gray Hairstreak	Variegated Fritillary
Gulf Fritillary	Viceroy

*Plants in Bloom this week:*

Prairie Verbena	Rough-leaf Dogwood
Spiderwort	Wild Morning Glory
Bluebonnets	Yarrow
Coral Honeysuckle	Lance-leaf Coreopsis
Lyre Leaf Sage	Butterfly Weed ( <i>Asclepias tuberosa</i> )
Texas Betony	Showy Milkweed ( <i>Asclepias speciose</i> )
Salvia Greggii	Green Milkweed ( <i>Asclepias viridis</i> )
Winecup	Antelope-Horns Milkweed ( <i>Asclepias</i>
Crossvine	<i>Asperula</i> )
Tuberous Vervain (Sandpaper Verbena)	Horseherb
Englemann Daisy	Zexmania
Texas Bluestar	Purple Coneflower
Brazos (Gulf Coast) Penstemon	Elderberry
Calylophus (Sundrops)	4-Nerve Daisy
Cedar Sage	Gaillardia (Indian Blanket)
Mealy Blue Sage	Prairie Fleabane
Drummond's Petunia	Gaura
Showy Primrose	Texas Dandelion
Missouri Primrose	American Basketflower
Texas Lantana	Clasping-leaf Coneflower
Blackfoot Daisy	

May 10, 2019

More rain this week has increased the flooding on the roads but the butterflies are still coming to the garden. Look for a sunny day this week to find the most fluttering by.

*Seen this week in the Butterfly Garden:*

Black Swallowtail  
Checkered White  
Cloudless Sulphur  
Common Buckeye  
Dainty Sulphur  
Funereal Duskywing  
Giant Swallowtail  
Monarch  
Orange Sulphur  
Question Mark  
Red Admiral  
Sleepy Orange  
Variegated Fritillary

*Plants in Bloom this week:*

Prairie Verbena	Cedar Sage
Spiderwort	Mealy Blue Sage
Bluebonnets	Drummond's Petunia
Coral Honeysuckle	Evening Primrose
Lyre Leaf Sage	Texas Lantana
Texas Betony	Blackfoot Daisy
Salvia Greggii	Rough-leaf Dogwood
Winecup	Wild Morning Glory
Crossvine	Yarrow
Huisache Daisy	Lance-leaf Coreopsis
Tuberous Vervain (Sandpaper Verbena)	Butterfly Weed
Wild Blue Indigo – Baptisia	Green Milkweed
Englemann Daisy	Antelope Horn Milkweed
Texas Bluestar	Horseherb
Brazos (Gulf) Penstemon	

May 3, 2019

The lake level is up and many roads on and around the refuge are closed but the butterfly garden is high and dry and very active now. Come on any warm sunny day and see what you can find.

*Seen this week in the Butterfly Garden:*

American Lady  
Checkered White  
Clouded Skipper  
Dainty Sulphur  
Fiery Skipper  
Gray Hairstreak  
Monarch  
Orange Sulphur  
Pipevine Swallowtail  
Red Admiral  
Sleepy Orange  
Variegated Fritillary

*Also seen in the garden:*

Snowberry Clearwing Moth

*Plants in Bloom this week:*

Prairie Verbena	Englemann Daisy
Spiderwort	Texas Bluestar
Bluebonnets	Brazos (Gulf) Penstemon
Coral Honeysuckle	Cedar Sage
Lyre Leaf Sage	Mealy Blue Sage
Texas Betony	Drummond's Petunia
Salvia Greggii	Evening Primrose
Winecup	Texas Lantana
Crossvine	Blackfoot Daisy
Huisache Daisy	Rough-leaf Dogwood
Tuberous Vervain (Sandpaper Verbena)	Calylophus (Sun Drops)
Wild Blue Indigo – Baptisia	