

Butterflies On The Wing November, 2019

November 8, 2019

Butterflies are enjoying the remaining flowers and making the most of the last warm days of fall. A hard freeze is predicted for early next week so this will be the end of our weekly updates. You may still be able to find butterflies on the refuge and around the garden until the real winter weather arrives, though. We typically see a few butterflies on the refuge in every month of the year.

Seen this week in the Butterfly Garden:

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| Clouded Skipper | Orange Sulphur |
| Cloudless Sulphur | Pearl Crescent |
| Common Buckeye | Phaon Crescent |
| Common Checkered-Skipper | Sachem |
| Fiery Skipper | Sleepy Orange |
| Gulf Fritillary | Variegated Fritillary |
| Little Yellow | |

Plants in Bloom this week:

Mealy Blue Sage
Blackfoot Daisy
Gaura
Gregg's Mistflower
Obedient Plant
Prairie Verbena
Maximillian Sunflower
Goldenrod
Lindheimer Muhly
Gulf Muhly
4-Nerve Daisy
Rain Lily
Black Fountain Grass
Carolina Wolfberry
Fall Aster

November 1, 2019

The week started with many butterflies on every bloom, but frost arriving mid-week damaged many of the more fragile plants and reduced the number of butterflies. Hardier flowers like Fall Asters are hosting the remaining species so it's still a good time to visit.

Seen this week in the Butterfly Garden:

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| American Lady | Little Yellow |
| Bordered Patch | Monarch |
| Clouded Skipper | Orange Sulphur |
| Cloudless Sulphur | Painted Lady |
| Common Buckeye | Pearl Crescent |
| Common Checkered-Skipper | Phaon Crescent |
| Dainty Sulphur | Queen |
| Eufala Skipper | Red-banded Hairstreak |
| Fiery Skipper | Sachem |
| Gray Hairstreak | Sleepy Orange |
| Gulf Fritillary | Variegated Fritillary |

Plants in Bloom this week:

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| Tuberous Vervain (Sandpaper Verbena) | Texas Kidneywood |
| Mealy Blue Sage | Frostweed |
| Texas Lantana | Maximillian Sunflower |
| Blackfoot Daisy | Goldenrod |
| Horseherb | Lindheimer Muhly |
| Zexmenia | Gulf Muhly |
| Gaura | 4-Nerve Daisy |
| Frogfruit | Crossvine |
| Gregg's Mistflower | Rain Lily |
| Turk's Cap | Black Fountain Grass |
| Flame Acanthus | Carolina Wolfberry |
| Autumn Sage | Bitterweed |
| Obedient Plant | Fall Aster |
| Datura (Angel Trumpet) | Beebush |
| Boneset | Drummond's Petunia |
| Prairie Verbena | Black-eyed Susan |