

## Pondicherry Butterflies

| Common Name                | Scientific Name and Group                    |
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|                            | <b>Skippers (<i>Hesperiidae</i>)</b>         |
| Northern Cloudy Wing       | <i>Thorybes pylades</i>                      |
| Dreamy Dusky Wing          | <i>Erynnis icelus</i>                        |
| Arctic Skipper             | <i>Carterocephalus palaemon</i>              |
| European Skipper           | <i>Thymelicus lineola</i>                    |
| Laurentian Skipper *       | <i>Hesperia comma laurentina</i>             |
| Leonard's Skipper          | <i>Hesperia leonardus</i>                    |
| Indian Skipper             | <i>Hesperia sassacus</i>                     |
| Peck's Skipper             | <i>Polites peckius</i>                       |
| Tawny Edged Skipper        | <i>Polites themistocles</i>                  |
| Long Dash                  | <i>Polites mystic</i>                        |
| Hobomok Skipper            | <i>Poanes hobomok</i>                        |
| Dun Skipper                | <i>Euphyes vestris</i>                       |
| Pepper and Salt Skipper    | <i>Amblyscirtes hegon</i>                    |
| Common Roadside Skipper    | <i>Amblyscirtes vialis</i>                   |
| Ocola Skipper              | <i>Panoquina ocola</i>                       |
|                            | <b>Swallowtails (<i>Papilionidae</i>)</b>    |
| Black Swallowtail          | <i>Papilio polyxenes</i>                     |
| Canadian Tiger Swallowtail | <i>Papilio canadensis</i>                    |
|                            | <b>Whites and Sulphurs (<i>Pieridae</i>)</b> |
| Mustard White              | <i>Pieris oleracea</i>                       |
| Cabbage White              | <i>Pieris rapae</i>                          |
| Clouded Sulphur            | <i>Colias philodice</i>                      |
| Orange Sulphur             | <i>Colias eurytheme</i>                      |
| Pink-edged Sulphur         | <i>Colias interior</i>                       |
|                            | <b>Gossamer-wings (<i>Lycaenidae</i>)</b>    |
| Harvester                  | <i>Feniseca tarquinius</i>                   |
| American Copper            | <i>Lycaena phlaes</i>                        |
| Bronze Copper              | <i>Lycaena hyllus</i>                        |
| Bog Copper                 | <i>Lycaena epixanthe</i>                     |
| Brown Elfin                | <i>Callophrys augustinus</i>                 |
| Eastern Pine Elfin         | <i>Callophrys niphon</i>                     |
| Coral Hairstreak           | <i>Satyrium titus</i>                        |
| Acadian Hairstreak         | <i>Satyrium acadica</i>                      |
| Banded Hairstreak          | <i>Satyrium calanus</i>                      |
| Striped Hairstreak         | <i>Satyrium liparops</i>                     |
| Gray Hairstreak            | <i>Strymon melinus</i>                       |
| Eastern Tailed Blue        | <i>Cupido comyntas</i>                       |
| Spring Azure               | <i>Celastrina ladon</i>                      |
| Northern Azure             | <i>Celastrina lucia</i>                      |
| Silvery Blue               | <i>Glaucopsyche lygdamus</i>                 |
|                            | <b>Brush-footed (<i>Nymphalidae</i>)</b>     |
| Monarch                    | <i>Danaus plexippus</i>                      |
| Great Spangled Fritillary  | <i>Speyeria cybele</i>                       |
| Aphrodite Fritillary       | <i>Speyeria aphrodite</i>                    |
| Atlantis Fritillary        | <i>Speyeria atlantis</i>                     |

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| Silver-bordered Fritillary | <i>Boloria selene</i>              |
| White Admiral              | <i>Limenitis arthemis arthemis</i> |
| Red-spotted Purple         | <i>Limenitis arthemis astyanax</i> |
| Viceroy                    | <i>Limenitis archippus</i>         |
| Harris's Checkerspot       | <i>Chlosyne harrisii</i>           |
| Pearl Crescent             | <i>Phyciodes tharos</i>            |
| Baltimore Checkerspot      | <i>Euphydryas phaeton</i>          |
| Question Mark              | <i>Polygonia interrogationis</i>   |
| Eastern Comma              | <i>Polygonia comma</i>             |
| Green Comma                | <i>Polygonia faunus</i>            |
| Gray Comma                 | <i>Polygonia progne</i>            |
| Milbert's Tortoise Shell   | <i>Aglais milberti</i>             |
| Compton Tortoise Shell     | <i>Nymphalis vaualbum</i>          |
| Mourning Cloak             | <i>Nymphalis antiopa</i>           |
| American Lady              | <i>Vanessa virginiensis</i>        |
| Painted Lady               | <i>Vanessa cardui</i>              |
| Red Admiral                | <i>Vanessa atalanta</i>            |
| Northern Pearly Eye        | <i>Enodia anthedon</i>             |
| Eyed Brown                 | <i>Satyroides eurydice</i>         |
| Little Wood Satyr          | <i>Megisto cymela</i>              |
| Inornate Ringlet *         | <i>Coenonympha inornata</i>        |
| Jutta Arctic               | <i>Oeneis jutta</i>                |
| Common Wood Nymph          | <i>Cercyonis pegala</i>            |

The Friends of Pondicherry is grateful to Warren Kiel, formerly of Whitefield, for providing this inventory of the Butterflies of Pondicherry. There are 64 species currently on this list. Lepidopterists are encouraged to provide reports of species at Pondicherry not on this list to [David.Govatski@gmail.com](mailto:David.Govatski@gmail.com). Butterfly enthusiasts are also urged to post all of their sightings on iNaturalist.

Reference: **Kiel, Warren J. 2003. The Butterflies of the White Mountains of New Hampshire**. Globe Pequot Press and New Hampshire Audubon. Illustrations by Lois DeLuca.

The common and scientific names have been updated to 2023 standards using:

[https://www.butterfliesandmoths.org/checklists?species\\_type=0&tid=48294](https://www.butterfliesandmoths.org/checklists?species_type=0&tid=48294)

Butterflies of Coos County, NH Checklist. The Coos County list currently has 83 species of butterflies.

Two species on the Pondicherry list, marked by an asterisk, are not on the Coos County Checklist and need documentation. There are several species on the Coos County list that could be at Pondicherry but have not been documented. Steve Mirick found and photographed an Ocola Skipper on 8 July 2023, on spreading dogbane flowers at Airport Marsh. Steve Mirick also photographed an Arctic Jutta on alder next to the viewing platform at Mud Pond on 28 May 2023. The Jutta was previously listed as historic.

The Bog Elfin (*Callophrys lanoraieensis*) is a rare species that favors acidic black spruce and tamarack bogs and might be present at Pondicherry due to the extensive habitat found here.

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