

Butterflies of Emerson Point Preserve



American Painted Lady
Vanessa virginiensis

Habitat: open fields, gardens.

Host Plants: asters, mallows, yellow thistle.

Diet: nectar.



Zebra Longwing
Heliconius charitonius

Habitat: gardens.

Host Plants: passion vines.

Diet: nectar from firebush, lantana, porterweed.



Checkered White
Pontia protodice

Habitat: dry weedy areas, fields, and pastures.

Host Plants: pepper grass.

Diet: nectar from Spanish needles.



Common Buckeye
Junonia coenia

Habitat: shorelines, thorny scrub, and fields

Host Plants: snap dragon, plantain, false foxglove.

Diet: nectar verberna, lantana, heliotrope.



Spicebush Swallowtail
Papilio troilus

Habitat: deciduous woodlands, fields, roadsides, yards.

Host Plants: spicebush, red bay, sassafras.

Diet: nectar from Japanese honeysuckle, pentas, verberna.



Mangrove Skipper
Phocides pigmalion okeechobee

Habitat: mangrove forests, salt marshes.

Host Plants: red mangrove.

Diet: nectar.



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Dainty Sulphur
Nathalis iole

Habitat: open, dry places, coastal flats, weedy fields, grasslands, road edges, meadows, hillsides.
Host Plants: low-growing plants in the aster family.
Diet: nectars of asters and lantana.



Tawny Emperor
Asterocampa clyton

Habitat: woods, cities.
Host Plants: sugarberry.
Diet: tree sap, rotting fruit, dung.



White Peacock
Anartia jatrophae

Habitat: open, moist areas, edges of ponds, weedy fields.
Host Plants: wild petunias, bacopa, matchhead, white hyssop.
Diet: nectar from Spanish needles.



Gulf Fritillary
Agraulis vanillae

Habitat: pastures, open fields, subtropical forest.
Host Plant: passion vine
Diet: nectar from lantana, Spanish's needle, cordias.



Horace's Duskywing
Erynnis horatius

Habitat: open woodlands, clearings, fencerows, swamps.
Host Plants: red oak, white oak.
Diet: nectar from dogbane, buttonbush, sneezeweed.



Cloudless Sulphur
Phoebis sennae

Habitat: open, sunny areas such as roadsides, old fields, gardens, pastures.
Host Plants: partridge pea.
Diet: nectar from pentas, azaleas, autumn sage, Mexican sage.