

This checklist was created through Oakland County Parks participation in the North American Butterfly Association Counts, in part to a group of dedicated volunteer butterfly enthusiasts and through research by Oakland University's Jamieson Lab.

Visit the Butterflies of Oakland County, MI Guide on iNaturalist: [tinyurl.com/OCpbutterflies](http://tinyurl.com/OCpbutterflies).

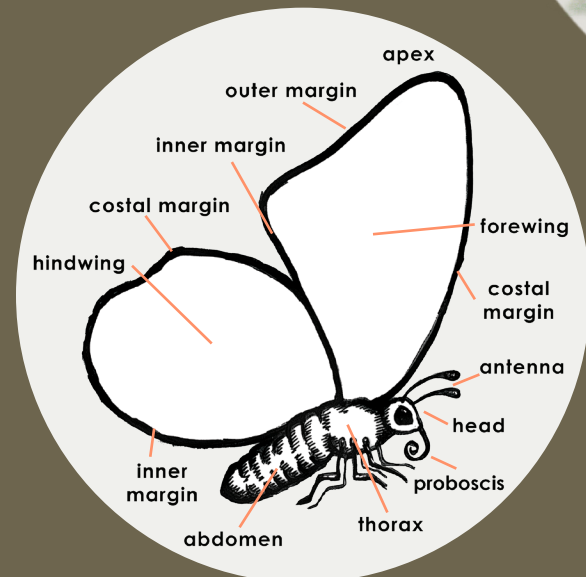
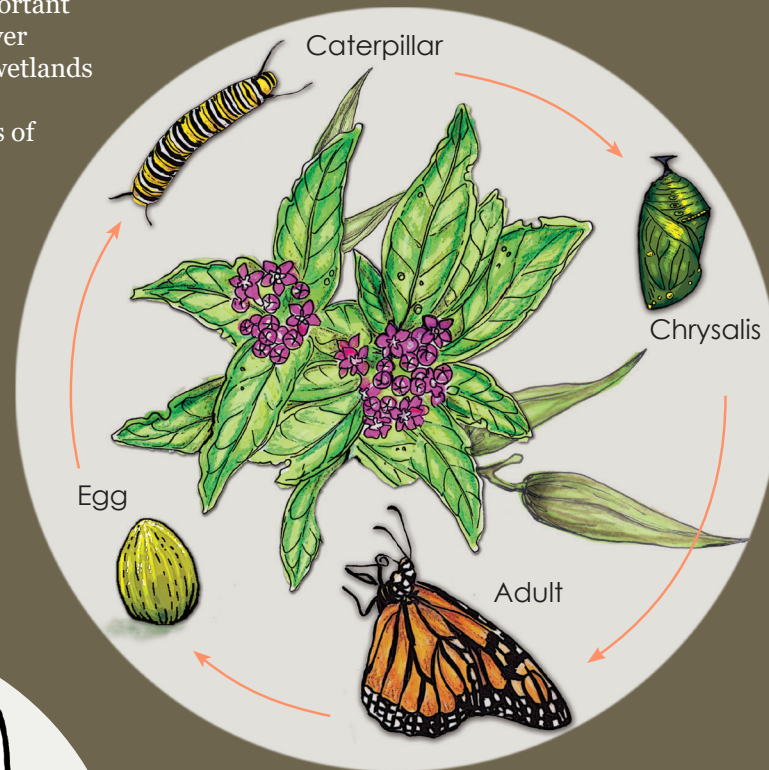
### Have to have a habitat

The 17 Oakland County Parks are important ecological sites in Oakland County. Over 7,000 acres of forests, meadows and wetlands provide essential habitat to wildlife. Butterflies require pesticide-free fields of flowers for nectar, but they also need different plants to serve as food for caterpillars.

### Have to have a host

A butterfly's life cycle begins with a unique association between the butterflies and the plants (hosts) they need for their larvae to develop. Many caterpillars can only eat one kind of plant - think monarchs and milkweed!

### Life Cycle of a Monarch Butterfly



### Butterfly Anatomy

Adult butterflies have three body sections, six legs and two antennae. Butterflies have four wings — two forewings and two hindwings. The upper and under sides of the wings may display different color patterns. Learning the anatomy of the butterflies will help with identification.

### Try butterfly watching at the Oakland County Parks.

According to *Butterflies and Moths of North America*, 106 of the 166 butterflies found in Michigan can be seen in Oakland County. If you find a species not listed, please add it and let us know by including photos through email at: [parksnr@oakgov.com](mailto:parksnr@oakgov.com). Or report through an account on iNaturalist.

#### ADDISON OAKS

W. Romeo Road,  
Leonard

#### CATALPA OAKS

Greenfield Road,  
Southfield

#### GROVELAND OAKS

Dixie Highway,  
Holly

#### HIGHLAND OAKS

N. Milford Road,  
Highland

#### INDEPENDENCE OAKS

Sashabaw Road,  
Clarkston

#### LYON OAKS

Pontiac Trail,  
Wixom

#### OAK PARK WOODS

24198 Church Street  
Oak Park

#### ORION OAKS

Clarkston Road,  
Lake Orion

#### PONTIAC OAKS

Telegraph Road,  
Pontiac

#### RED OAKS

13 Mile Road,  
Madison Heights

#### ROSE OAKS

Fish Lake Road,  
Holly

#### SOUTHFIELD OAKS

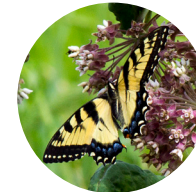
22200 Beech Road  
Southfield

#### SPRINGFIELD OAKS

Andersonville Road,  
Davisburg

#### WATERFORD OAKS

Scott Lake Road,  
Waterford



# A Checklist of BUTTERFLIES in Oakland County

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