

Butterflies On The Wing August, 2019

August 30, 2019

Monarchs and Queens are starting to be seen in greater numbers in the Butterfly Garden. Their migration has certainly started. September is a great month to see butterflies as migrants pass through and late season southern butterflies stray northward.

Seen this week in the Butterfly Garden:

Clouded Skipper	Little Yellow
Cloudless Sulphur	Monarch
Dainty Sulphur	Orange Sulphur
Giant Swallowtail	Phaon Crescent
Goatweed Leafwing	Queen
Gulf Fritillary	Sleepy Orange

Plants in Bloom this week:

Tuberous Vervain (Sandpaper Verbena)	Turk's Cap
Mealy Blue Sage	Flame Acanthus
Drummond's Petunia	Autumn Sage
Texas Lantana	Bitterweed
Blackfoot Daisy	Ironweed
Wild Morning Glory	Obedient Plant
Horseherb	Datura (Angel Trumpet)
Zexmenia	Winecup
Prairie Fleabane	Partridge Pea
Gaura	Boneset
Black-eyed Susan	Lindheimer Senna
Passion Vine	Prairie Verbena
Frogfruit	Prairie Fleabane
Day Flower (Widow's Tears)	Beebush
Rock Rose	Coral Honeysuckle
Sunflower	Pale Smartweed
Compass Plant	Buttonbush
Lord Baltimore Hibiscus	Butterfly Weed (Asclepias tuberosa)
Gregg's Mistflower	

August 23, 2019

Gulf Fritillaries and their caterpillars were the most frequently seen butterflies in the garden this week. Beat the heat by visiting the garden in the morning or late in the day to see the most butterflies.

Seen this week in the Butterfly Garden:

Cabbage White	Monarch
Cloudless Sulphur	Painted Lady
Dainty Sulphur	Pipevine Swallowtail
Delaware Skipper	Sleepy Orange
Eastern Tailed-Blue	Variegated Fritillary
Gulf Fritillary	

Plants in Bloom this week:

Tuberous Vervain (Sandpaper Verbena)	Lord Baltimore Hibiscus
Mealy Blue Sage	Gregg's Mistflower
Drummond's Petunia	Turk's Cap
Texas Lantana	Flame Acanthus
Blackfoot Daisy	Autumn Sage
Wild Morning Glory	Bitterweed
Horseherb	Ironweed
Zexmenia	Obedient Plant
Prairie Fleabane	Datura (Angel Trumpet)
Gaura	Winecup
Black-eyed Susan	Partridge Pea
Passion Vine	Boneset
Frogfruit	Lindheimer Senna
Day Flower (Widow's Tears)	Prairie Verbena
Rock Rose	Prairie Fleabane
Sunflower	Beebush
Compass Plant	Coral Honeysuckle

August 16, 2019

It was another hot week, keeping butterfly numbers down. Early or late in the day may still be the best time to see butterflies.

Seen this week in the Butterfly Garden:

American Lady	Gray Hairstreak
Black Swallowtail	Gulf Fritillary
Cloudless Sulphur	Painted Lady
Dainty Sulphur	Phaon Crescent
Eastern Tiger Swallowtail	Queen

Plants in Bloom this week:

Tuberous Vervain (Sandpaper Verbena)	Snake Herb
Mealy Blue Sage	Sunflower
Drummond's Petunia	Compass Plant
Texas Lantana	Gregg's Mistflower
Blackfoot Daisy	Turk's Cap
Wild Morning Glory	Flame Acanthus
Horseherb	Autumn Sage
Zexmenia	Ironweed
Purple Coneflower	Obedient Plant
Prairie Fleabane	Datura (Angel Trumpet)
Gaura	Green Milkweed
Black-eyed Susan	Lord Baltimore Hibiscus
Passion Vine	Boneset
Frogfruit	Lindheimer Senna
Day Flower (Widow's Tears)	Partridge Pea
Rock Rose	Winecup

August 9, 2019

Heat indices in the hundreds make it difficult to visit the garden for long, but if you visit early in the morning or late in the day, you will find butterflies and blooms. Late summer blooming plants are coming into their own and other plants are blooming again.

Seen this week in the Butterfly Garden:

American Lady	Gulf Fritillary
Black Swallowtail	Little Yellow
Clouded Skipper	Phaon Crescent
Dun Skipper	Pipevine Swallowtail
Eastern Tiger Swallowtail	Queen
Fiery Skipper	Silver-spotted Skipper
Gray Hairstreak	Sleepy Orange

Plants in Bloom this week:

Tuberous Vervain (Sandpaper Verbena)	Snake Herb
Mealy Blue Sage	Sunflower
Drummond's Petunia	Compass Plant
Texas Lantana	Gregg's Mistflower
Wild Morning Glory	Turk's Cap
Butterfly Weed (Asclepias tuberosa)	Flame Acanthus
Horseherb	Autumn Sage
Zexmenia	Ironweed
Purple Coneflower	Obedient Plant
Prairie Fleabane	Datura (Angel Trumpet)
Gaura	Lord Baltimore Hibiscus
Black-eyed Susan	Boneset
Passion Vine	Lindheimer Senna
Frogfruit	Partridge Pea
Day Flower (Widow's Tears)	Broomweed
Rock Rose	

August 2, 2019

Summer heat and dry weather mean different plants and insects are seen in the garden. Skippers and Queens are more common now. Purple blooms of Ironweed attract many different species of butterflies as well as other pollinators that feed on its sweet nectar.

Seen this week in the Butterfly Garden:

Cloudless Sulphur	Gulf Fritillary
Common Buckeye	Little Yellow
Dainty Sulphur	Monarch
Eastern Tiger Swallowtail	Painted Lady
Eufala Skipper	Phaon Crescent
Fiery Skipper	Queen
Goatweed Leafwing	Sachem
Gray Hairstreak	Variegated Fritillary

Plants in Bloom this week:

Tuberous Vervain (Sandpaper Verbena)	Rock Rose
Mealy Blue Sage	Red Yucca
Drummond's Petunia	Snake Herb
Texas Lantana	Sunflower
Blackfoot Daisy	Compass Plant
Wild Morning Glory	American Beautyberry
Butterfly Weed (Asclepias tuberosa)	Gregg's Mistflower
Horseherb	Turk's Cap
Zexmenia	Flame Acanthus
Purple Coneflower	Autumn Sage
Prairie Fleabane	Four Nerve Daisy
Gaura	Ironweed
Black-eyed Susan	Obedient Plant
Thelesperma (Greenthread)	Chocolate Daisy
Passion Vine	Datura (Angel Trumpet)
Frogfruit	Clasping Coneflower
Day Flower (Widow's Tears)	