



Howard County Bird Club's Spontaneous On-Line Butterfly Photo-Guide



THE BUTTERFLIES OF HOWARD COUNTY, MARYLAND

A Biological Summary and Checklist in Phylogenetic Order by Richard H. Smith.

In addition to entertaining us with their bright colors and interesting life histories, butterflies serve as easily observed indicators of the biotic diversity and the true degree of unaltered natural environment retained in local areas. This is due to their attachment to an array of specialized host plants and to their notable sensitivity to environmental disturbances and introduced chemical agents during the larval stage. Thus, the variety of butterfly species obtained from a local survey and photographic record can contribute to an environmental understanding, and the survey and photographic activity can offer a pleasant pastime and beautiful photo-record for sunny spring and summer days spent outdoors.

The information below has been adapted from the trifold *The Butterflies of Howard County, Maryland: A Biological Summary and Checklist* (rev. 3/12) by Richard Smith with additional comments by the author. For a PDF version, click [HERE](#).

Click on one of the major phylogenetic group names to go to that section OR on a specific name to go directly to that species. Once you have reached photos for a particular species, click on the common name to obtain additional information from the *Butterflies and Moths of North America* web page. *BugGuide* is another web resource. Clicking on any photo will enlarge the photo on most screens. (Return from the enlarged photo to this web page by clicking on the left arrow in the upper left corner of your browser.) This page will be updated periodically. When possible, males and females will be noted (since they may look different). For the list of butterfly species photos still needed, go to [Photos still needed!](#)



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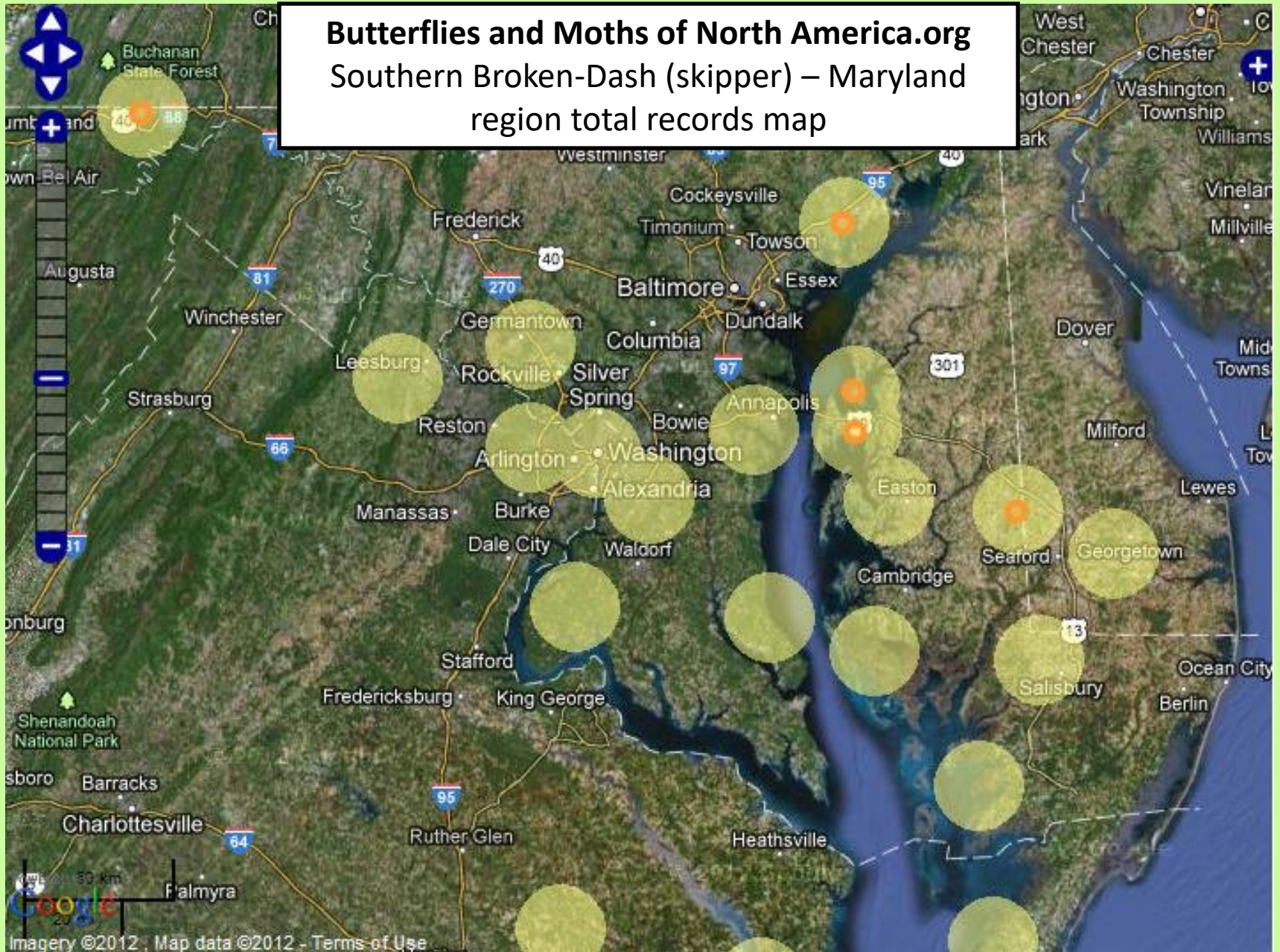
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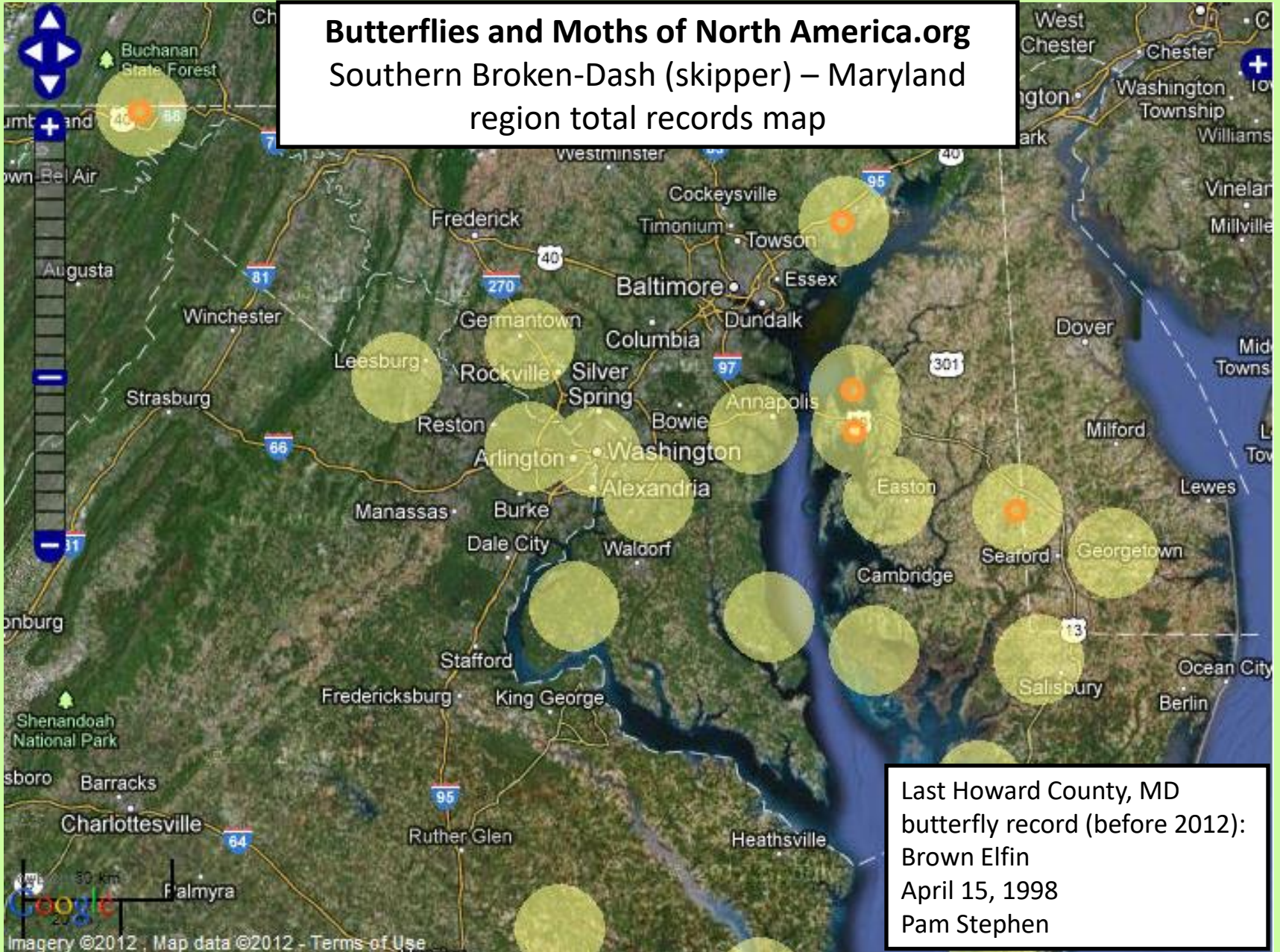
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Red-banded Hairstreak
by Bonnie Ott

Clouded Sulphur
by Bonnie Ott





**Clouded Sulphur
(white form female)**
by Bonnie Ott



Sulphur Butterflies – “puddling”
by Kathy Litzinger



Zabulon Skipper (female)
by Bonnie Ott



Zabulon Skipper (female)
by Bonnie Ott



Zabulon Skipper (male)
by Jo Solem



Monarch
by Bonnie Ott



Silvery Checkerspot

June 26, 2009

by Robert Schaefer



Pearl Crescent
by Scott Berglund



Checkered White (female)

June 28, 2008

by J. B. Churchill

Baltimore Checkerspot

June 29, 2009

by Bill Sherman





Baltimore Checkerspot caterpillar
by Sue Muller



Broad-winged Skipper

July 28, 2011

by Allen Lewis



Least Tern
by Bill Hubick



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Question Mark
by Kathy Litzinger



Eastern Comma
by Bonnie Ott



Juvenal's Duskywing
by Annette Allor



Juvenal's Duskywing
by Sue Earp



White M Hairstreak
by Annette Allor



Juniper Hairstreak
by Annette Allor



Hobomok Skipper
by Annette Allor



Zabulon Skipper (male)
by Jo Solem



Tawny-edged Skippers – female (left), male (right)
by Bonnie Ott

Northern Oak Hairstreak

May 23, 2012

by Kathy Litzinger





Green Violetear
by Kevin Heffernan



Banded Hairstreak
by Annette Allor



Southern Broken-Dash
June 7, 2012
by Annette Allor



Northern Broken-Dash
June 22, 2012
by Annette Allor



Southern Broken-Dash
August 3, 2012
by Annette Allor



Spicebush Swallowtail (female)
by Annette Allor



Black Swallowtail (female)
by Annette Allor



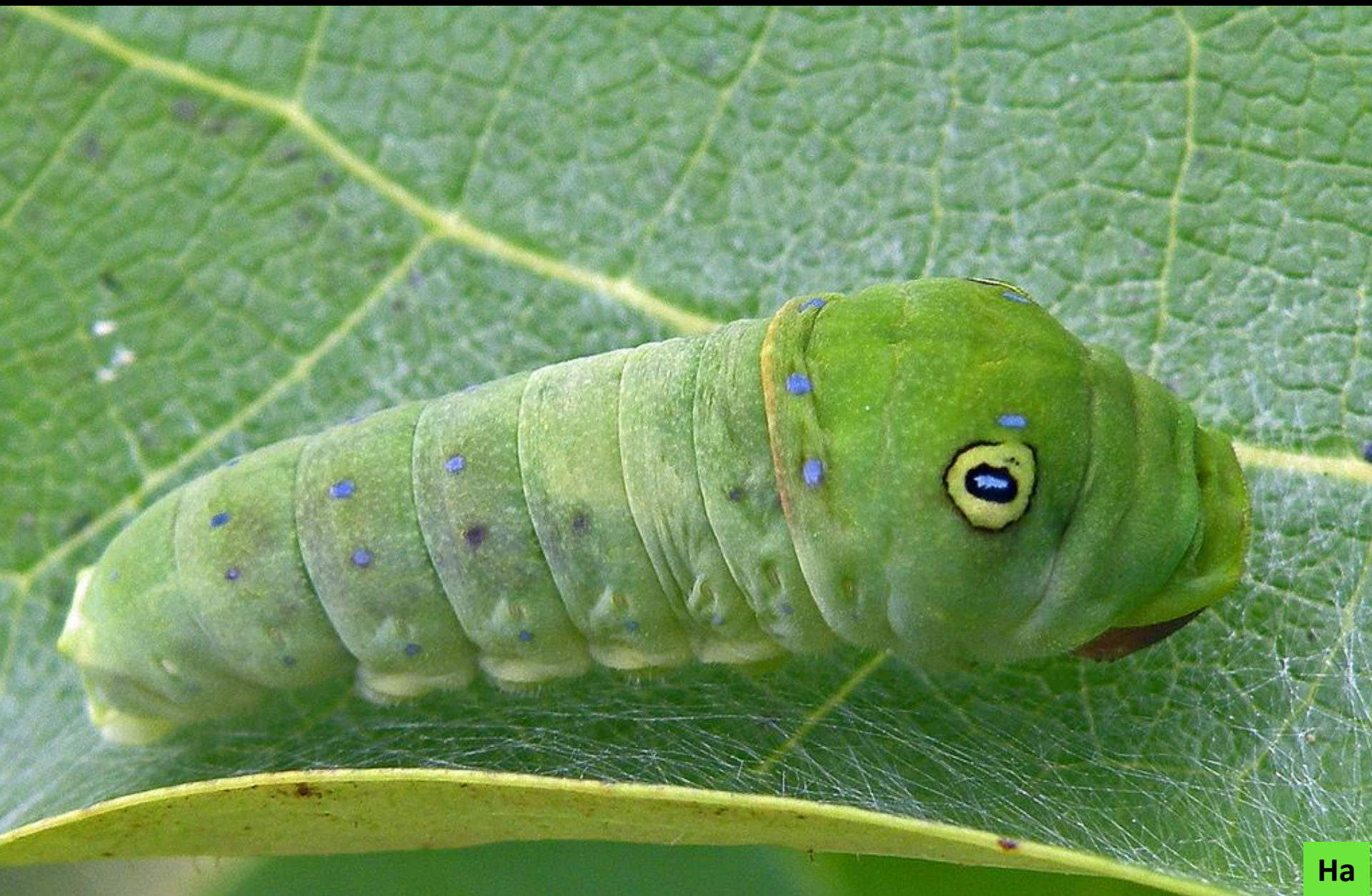
Black Swallowtail caterpillar
by Annette Allor



**Eastern Tiger Swallowtail
(yellow form female)**
by Annette Allor



**Eastern Tiger Swallowtail
(dark form female)**
by Kathy Litzinger



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Eastern Tiger Swallowtail caterpillar

by Bonnie Ott

A close-up photograph of a Hackberry Emperor butterfly resting on a patch of green grass. The butterfly's wings are brown with a pattern of white and black spots and markings. The background is a dense field of green grass blades.

Hackberry Emperor
July 19, 2012
by Kathy Litzinger



Hackberry Emperor
July 15, 2008
by Sue Muller



Bronze Copper (male)

July 21, 1996

by Jo Solem

Sachem (male)
by Kathy Litzinger



Sachem (female)
by Bonnie Ott





Cloudless Sulphur
by Jo Solem



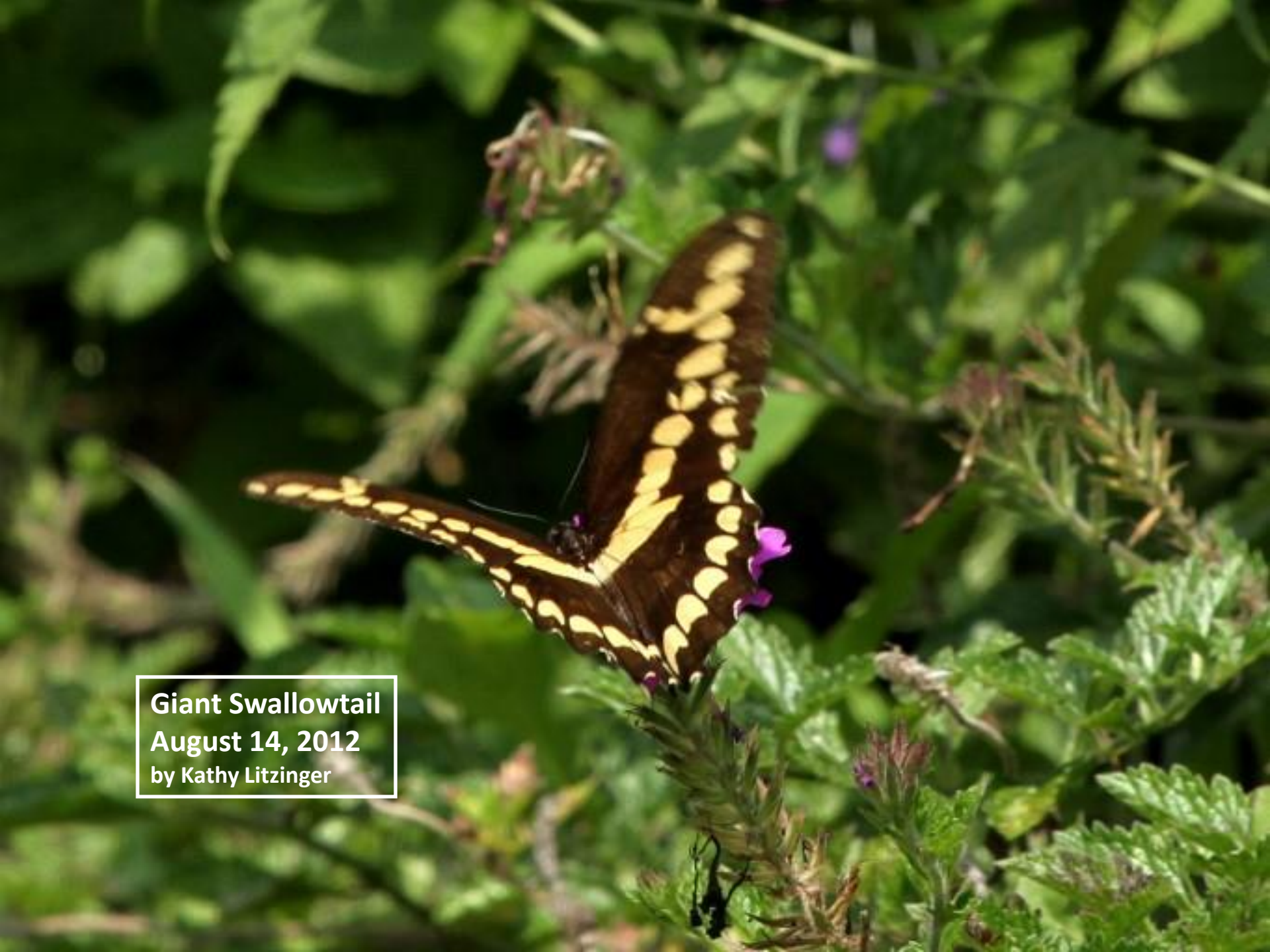
Cloudless Sulphur caterpillar
by Cheryl Farfaras



Little Yellow
by Annette Allor



Little Yellow
by Jim Wilkinson

A close-up photograph of a Giant Swallowtail butterfly. The butterfly is the central focus, with its wings spread, showing a dark brown base color with a prominent yellow band and smaller yellow spots. It is perched on a small, vibrant purple flower. The background is a dense, out-of-focus thicket of green foliage, including ferns and other leafy plants, creating a natural, sun-dappled setting.

Giant Swallowtail
August 14, 2012
by Kathy Litzinger



Pink-footed Goose
by Kevin Heffernan

Butterfly List – Kathy Litzinger’s Yard

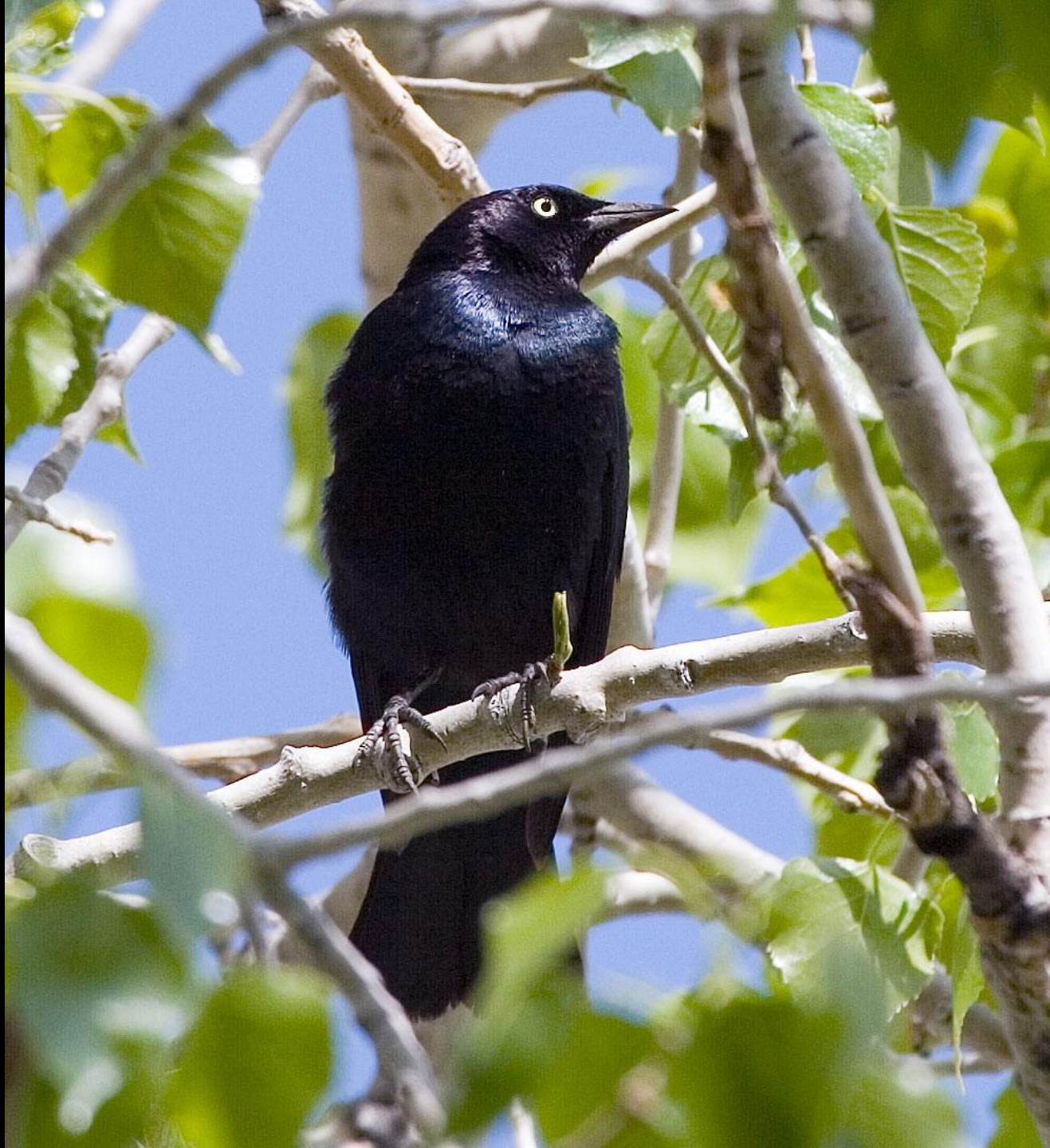
1. Silver-spotted Skipper	15. Spicebush Swallowtail	29. Variegated Fritillary
2. Long-tailed Skipper (RARE)	16. Giant Swallowtail (COUNTY RECORD)	30. Great Spangled Fritillary
3. Horace's Duskywing	17. Cabbage White	31. Pearl Crescent
4. Wild Indigo Duskywing	18. Clouded Sulphur	32. Question Mark
5. Common Checkered-Skipper	19. Orange Sulphur	33. Eastern Comma
6. Least Skipper	20. Cloudless Sulphur (RARE most years)	34. Mourning Cloak
7. Fiery Skipper	21. Red-banded Hairstreak	35. American Lady
8. Peck's Skipper	22. Northern Oak Hairstreak (EXTREMELY RARE)	36. Painted Lady
9. Sachem	23. White M Hairstreak (RARE)	37. Red Admiral
10. Zabulon Skipper	24. Gray Hairstreak	38. Common Buckeye
11. Pipevine Swallowtail	25. Eastern Tailed-Blue	39. Red-spotted Purple
12. Zebra Swallowtail	26. Spring Azure	40. Viceroy
13. Black Swallowtail	27. Summer Azure	41. Hackberry Emperor (RARE)
14. Eastern Tiger Swallowtail	28. American Snout (RARE)	42. Monarch



Bonnie Ott yard



Mississippi Kite
by Jon Corcoran



**Brewer's
Blackbird**
by Scott
Berglund



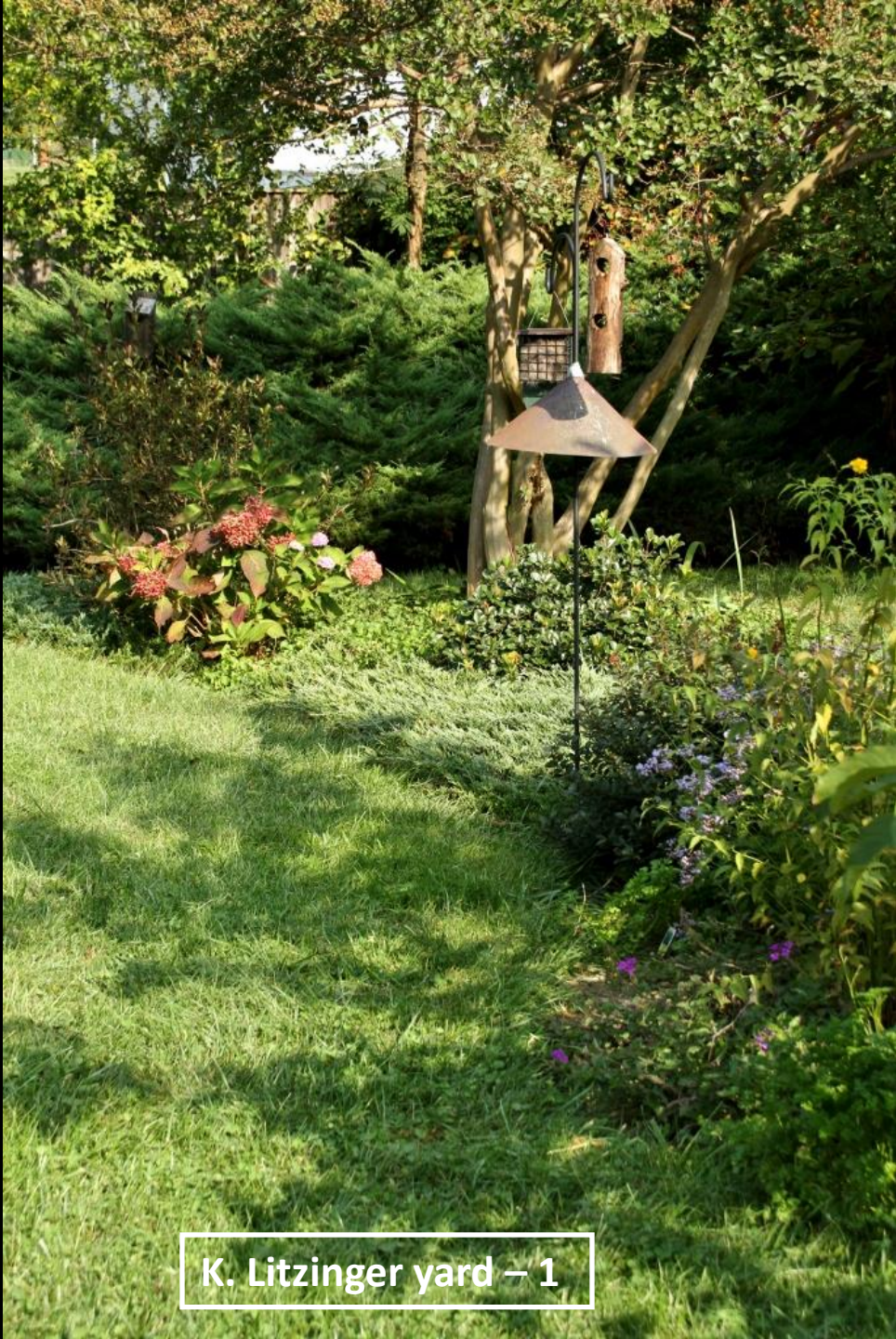
Golden-winged Warbler
by Bill Hubick



Olive-sided Flycatcher
by Kevin Heffernan



**Yellow-bellied
Flycatcher**
by Bill Hubick



K. Litzinger yard – 1



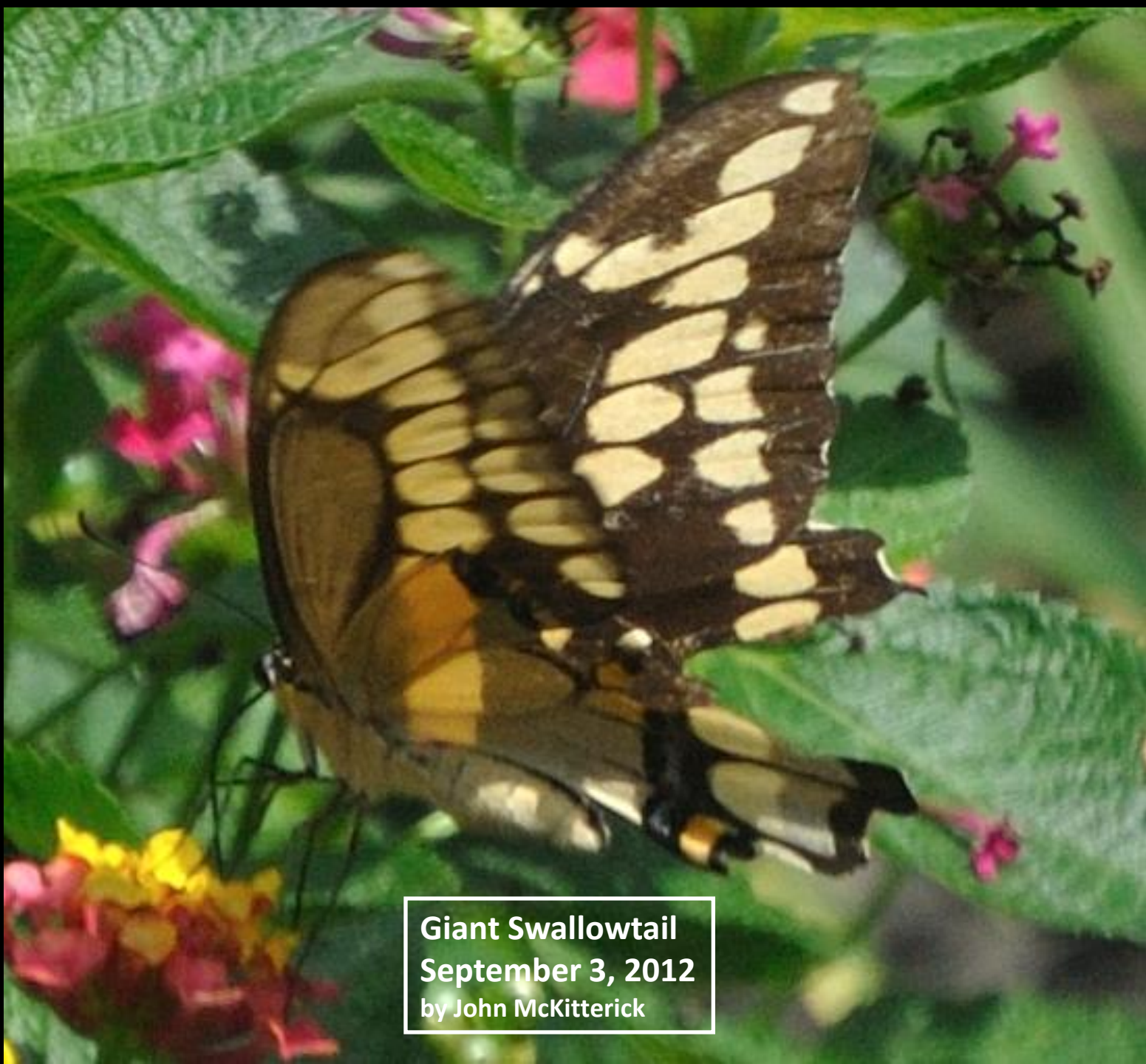
K. Litzinger yard – 2



K. Litzinger yard – 3

Some of Trees, Flowers, and Herbs in Kathy Litzinger's Yard

Trees	Flowers & Herbs		
Boxelder	Agapanthus (African Lily)	Hibiscus (Lord Baltimore)	Stella D'oro Lily
Chokeberry	Ageratum	Hydrangea	Stokesia
Common Rue	Bee Balm	Iris	Strawberry
Crabapple	Black-eyed Susan	Joe Pye Weed	Triple Lily
Crepe Myrtle	Butterfly Bushes (purple and white)	Kerria (Japanese Rose)	Violets
Fringe Tree	Clematis (Sweet Autumn)	Lobelia	Virginia Sweetspire
Hackberry (neighbor)	Clover	Parsley	Weigela (deciduous shrub)
Hawthorn	Daisy	Phlox	Zinnia
Juniper	Daylily	Purple Coneflower	
Mimosa	Dianthus	Purple Verbena	
Pear	Forget-me-not	Rose	
Viburnum	Geranium	Rose of Sharon	
Witch Hazel	Goldenrod	Sedum	



Giant Swallowtail
September 3, 2012
by John McKitterick



Long-tailed Skipper
August 14, 2012
by Annette Allor

First Howard County, MD record:
August, 1994, Bonnie Ott



Long-tailed Skipper
September 3, 2012
by Jim Wilkinson



Long-tailed Skipper
September 5, 2012
by Kathy Litzinger



Long-tailed Skipper
September 15, 2012
by Linda Hunt



Sleepy Orange
by Bob Solem



Monarch chrysalis
by Annette Allor



Monarch (male)
by Annette Allor



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Monarch caterpillar
by Bonnie Ott



Silvery Checkerspot
September 15, 2012
by Dick Smith



Silvery Checkerspot
September 15, 2012
by Tom Feild

American Snout
by Annette Allor



American Snout
by Annette Allor



First Howard County, MD record:
October 2, 1995, Jo Solem

Photographer	Number of Species Photos Contributed
1. Annette Allor	48
2. Danielle Allor	1
3. Scott Berglund	12
4. John B. Churchill	1
5. Jeff Culler	1
6. Sue Earp	3
7. Wes Earp	10
8. Cheryl Farfaras	9
9. Tom_Feild	1
10. Harry Fink	2
11. Kevin Heffernan	4
12. Allen Lewis	13
13. Kathy Litzinger	34
14. Nancy Magnusson	4
15. John McKitterick	1
16. Sue Muller	8
17. Richard Orr	15
18. Bonnie Ott	42
19. Robert Schaefer	2
20. Bill Sherman	1
21. Dick Smith	1
22. Bob Solem	10
23. Jo Solem	14
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Email submissions (originals, unmodified except possible cropping) as attachment to email to [Howard County Bird Club](#). Please include your name, date of photo, and location.
(More information and views of these species are available by clicking on the species name.)

Hoary Edge (1.75–1.9")	Rare: M-Jun to E-Jul	Fields & forest edges	Red clover, milkweed	Tick trefoils
Southern Cloudywing (1.3–1.8")	Uncommon: L-May to M-Aug	Dry fields at woods edges	Indian hemp (dogbane)	Tick trefoils
Hayhurst's Scallopwing (1–1.25")	Rare: L-Jul to M-Aug	Woods edges along streams	Burdock	Lamb's quart
Dreamy Duskywing (1.1–1.5")	Uncommon: E-May to E-Jun	Dry fields & woods trails	Mud puddles	Willows, po
Sleepy Duskywing (1.25–1.75")	Uncommon: M-Apr to E-May	Woods trails & edges	Mud puddles	Scrub oak
European Skipper (1–1.2")	Uncommon: M to L-Jun	Fields with tall grass	Purple vetch	Timothy gras
Dusted Skipper (1.25–1.7")	Rare: L-May	Dry fields with beardgrass	Low grassblades	Little blueste
Harvester (1.1–1.25")	Rare: Jun & Aug	Wet, bushy woods trails	Mud puddles near alders	Larvae feed
Coral Hairstreak (1–1.5")	Rare: L-Jun	Old fields, powerline cuts	Butterflyweed	Wild cherry,
Striped Hairstreak (1–1.5")	Rare: L-Jun	Swamp & marsh edges	Indian hemp, N.J. tea	Blueberry, h
Eastern Pine Elfin (1–1.25")	Rare: L-Apr to E-Jun	Open scrub pine groves	Pussytoes	Various hard
Tawny Empetor (1.6–2.75")	Rare/Extirpated: M-Jun to M-Aug	Wood trails & edges	Wet spots	Hackberry

Need current photos of Bronze Copper.

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Merlin
by Bonnie Ott?



Red-headed Woodpecker
by Bonnie Ott?



Philadelphia Vireo
by Bill Hubick



Long-tailed Skipper
September 1, 2012
by Kathy Litzinger