



# Lepidoptera of Ojibway

Butterflies and moths belong to the insect order Lepidoptera. Here is a draft list of 335 species recorded in the Ojibway area of Windsor, Ontario.

There has been considerable interest in the butterfly families and annual [butterfly counts](#) are carried out each year in early July. There has been less attention to the much larger moth families and most of these groups are still poorly known.

For information on other insects found at Ojibway please visit Ojibway's [insect web page](#). Entomologists from the University of Guelph have been actively surveying Ojibway's insect population in recent years and they have created a preliminary list of over 2,000 species on their web site called [The Insects of Ojibway Prairie](#).

\* Species not recorded for Ojibway Prairie Complex  
but known from elsewhere in Essex County.

## **HESPERIIDAE – SKIPPERS**

*Epargyreus clarus* Silver-spotted Skipper  
*Urbanus proteus* Long-tailed Skipper  
*Achalarus lyciades* Hoary Edge  
*Thorybes bathyllus* Southern Cloudywing  
*Thorybes pylades* Northern Cloudywing  
*Erynnis icelus* Dreamy Duskywing  
*Erynnis brizo* Sleepy Duskywing  
*Erynnis juvenalis* Juvenal's Duskywing  
*Erynnis horatius* Horace's Duskywing  
*Erynnis lucilius* Columbine Duskywing  
*Erynnis baptisiae* Wild Indigo Duskywing  
*Pyrgus communis* Common Checkered-Skipper  
*Pholisora catullus* Common Sootywing  
*Ancyloxypha numitor* Least Skipper  
*Thymelicus lineola* European Skipper  
*Hylephila phyleus* Fiery Skipper  
*Hesperia leonardus* Leonard's Skipper  
*Polites peckius* Peck's Skipper  
*Polites themistocles* Tawny-edged Skipper  
*Polites origenes* Crossline Skipper  
*Polites mystic* Long Dash

*Wallengrenia egeremet* Northern Broken-dash  
*Pompeius verna* Little Glassywing  
*Atalopedes campestris* Sachem  
*Anatrytone logan* Delaware Skipper  
*Poanes massasoit* Mulberry Wing  
*Poanes hobomok* Hobomok Skipper  
*Poanes zabulon* Zabulon Skipper  
*Poanes viator* Broadwing Skipper  
*Euphyes dion* Dion Skipper  
*Euphyes dukesi* Duke's Skipper  
*Euphyes conspicua* Black Dash  
*Euphyes bimacula* Two-spotted Skipper  
*Euphyes vestris* Dun Skipper  
*Amblyscirtes hegon* Pepper and Salt Skipper

### **PAPILIONIDAE – SWALLOWTAILS**

*Battus philenor* Pipevine Swallowtail  
*Eurytides marcellus* Zebra Swallowtail  
*Papilio polyxenes* Black Swallowtail  
*Papilio cressphontes* Giant Swallowtail  
*Papilio glaucus* Eastern Tiger Swallowtail  
*Papilio troilus* Spicebush Swallowtail

### **PIERIDAE - WHITES, SULPHURS**

*Pontia protodice* Checkered White  
*Pieris rapae* Cabbage White  
*Colias philodice* Clouded Sulphur  
*Colias eurytheme* Orange Sulphur  
*Colias cesonia* Southern Dogface  
*Phoebis sennae* Cloudless Sulphur  
*Phoebis philea* Orange-barred Sulphur  
*Eurema lisa* Little Yellow

### **LYCAENIDAE - COPPERS, BLUES, HAIRSTREAKS AND HARVESTERS**

*Feniseca tarquinius* Harvester  
*Lycaena phlaeas* American Copper  
*Lycaena hyllus* Bronze Copper  
*Satyrrium titus* Coral Hairstreak  
*Satyrrium acadica* Acadian Hairstreak  
*Satyrrium edwardsii* Edward's Hairstreak  
*Satyrrium calanus* Banded Hairstreak  
*Satyrrium caryaevorum* Hickory Hairstreak  
*Satyrrium liparops* Striped Hairstreak

*Fixsenia favonius ontario* Northern Oak Hairstreak  
*Strymon melinus* Gray Hairstreak  
*Everes comyntas* Eastern Tailed-Blue  
*Celastrina l. ladon* Spring Azure  
*Celastrina l. neglecta* Summer Azure

## **NYMPHALIDAE - BRUSH-FOOTED BUTTERFLIES**

*Libytheana carinenta* American Snout  
*Agraulis vanillae* Gulf Fritillary  
*Euptoieta claudia* Variegated Fritillary  
*Speyeria cybele* Great Spangled Fritillary  
*Speyeria aphrodite* Aphrodite Fritillary  
*Speyeria idalia* Regal Fritillary  
*Boloria bellona* Meadow Fritillary  
*Chlosyne nycteis* Silvery Checkerspot  
*Phyciodes tharos* Pearl Crescent  
*Phyciodes cocyta* Northern Crescent  
*Euphydryas p. phaeton* Baltimore  
*Polygonia interrogationis* Question Mark  
*Polygonia comma* Eastern Comma  
*Nymphalis vau-album* Compton Tortoiseshell  
*Nymphalis antiopa* Mourning Cloak  
*Nymphalis milberti* Milbert's Tortoiseshell  
*Vanessa virginiensis* American Lady  
*Vanessa cardui* Painted Lady  
*Vanessa atalanta* Red Admiral  
*Junonia coenia* Common Buckeye  
*Limenitis arthemis* Red-spotted Purple  
*Limenitis archippus* Viceroy  
*Asterocampa celtis* Hackberry Emperor  
*Asterocampa clyton* Tawny Emperor  
*Enodia anhedon* Northern Pearly-eye  
*Satyrodes eurydice* Eyed Brown  
*Satyrodes appalachia* Appalachian Brown  
*Megisto cymela* Little Wood-satyr  
*Coenonympha tullia* Common Ringlet  
*Cercyonis pegala* Common Wood-nymph  
*Danaus plexippus* Monarch

MICROLEPIDOPTERA MOTH FAMILIES ARE EXCLUDED except for a few examples

**INCURVARIIDAE – YUCCA and FAIRY MOTHS**

*Tegeticula yuccasella* Yucca Moth

**YPONOMEUTIDAE – ERMINE MOTHS**

*Atteva punctella* Ailanthus Webworm Moth

**GELECHIIDAE – GELECHIID MOTHS**

*Gnorimoschema gallaesolidaginis* Goldenrod Gall Moth

**SESIIDAE – CLEAR-WINGED MOTHS**

*Albuna fraxini* Virginia Creeper Clearwing Moth

*Melittia cucurbitae* Squash Vine Borer Moth

**TORTRICIDAE – TORTRICID MOTHS**

*Ecdyolopha insitigiana* Locust Twig Borer Moth

*Sparganothis reticulatana* Reticulated Fruitworm Moth

**LIMACODIDAE – SLUG CATERPILLAR MOTHS**

*Isa textula* Crowned Slug Moth

*Sibine stimulea* Saddleback Caterpillar Moth

**PYRALIDAE - PYRALID MOTHS**

*Ostrinia nubilalis* European Corn Borer

*Pediasia trisecta* Sod Webworm Moth

*Plodia interpunctella* Indian Meal Moth

**MACROLEPIDOPTERA MOTH FAMILIES**

**GEOMETRIDAE – INCHWORM or GEOMETER MOTHS**

- ENNOMINAE \* - Grays and others

*Antepione thisoaria* Variable Antepione Moth

*Biston betularia cognataria* Pepper-and-Salt Geometer

*Eusarca confusaria* Confused Eusarca

*Semiothisa* undescribed species [*ordinata* of authors]

*Tetracis crocallata* Yellow Slant-line

*Xanthotype urticaria* Crocus Geometer (both *X. urticaria* and *X. sospeta* recorded in county)

- GEOMETRINAE - Emeralds

*Synchlora aerata* Wavy-lined Emerald Moth

- LARENTIINAE \* - Carpets

- OENOCHROMINAE - Cankerworms

*Alsophila pometaria* Fall Cankerworm Moth

- STERRHINAE - Waves

*Haematopis grataria* Chickweed Geometer

**APATELODIDAE- APATELODID MOTHS**

*Apateloides torrefacta* Spotted Apatelodes

**LASIOCAMPIDAE - TENT CATERPILLAR and LAPPET MOTHS**

*Malacosoma americanum* Eastern Tent Caterpillar

*Phyllodesma americana* Lappet Moth

*Tolyte velleda* Large Tolyte

**SATURNIIDAE - GIANT SILKWORM and ROYAL MOTHS**

- CITHERONINAE

*Anisota senatoria* Orange-tipped Oakworm Moth

\**Anisota virginiana* Pink-striped Oakworm Moth

\**Dryocampa rubicunda* Rosy Maple Moth

\**Eacles imperialis* Imperial Moth

- HEMILEUCINAE

*Automeris io* Io Moth

- SATURNIINAE

\**Actias luna* Luna Moth

*Antheraea polyphemus* Polyphemus Moth

*Callossamia promethea* Promethea Moth

*Hyalophora cecropia* Cecropia Moth

**SPHINGIDAE - SPHINX or HAWK MOTHS**

*Amphion floridensis* Nessus Sphinx

\**Argius cingulatus* Pink-spotted Hawk Moth

\**Ceratonia amyntor* Elm Sphinx

*Ceratonia undulosa* Waved Sphinx

*Ceratonia catalpae* Catalpa Sphinx

*Darapsa myron* Hog Sphinx

\**Darapsa pholus* Azalea Sphinx

*Deidamia inscripta* Lettered Sphinx

*Eumorpha achemon* Achemon Sphinx

*Eumorpha pandorus* Pandorus Sphinx

\**Hemaris diffinis* Snowberry Clearwing  
*Hemaris thysbe* Hummingbird Clearwing  
*Hyles lineata* White-lined Sphinx  
\**Hyles gallii* Galium Sphinx  
\**Laothoe juglandis* Walnut Sphinx  
*Manduca quinquemaculata* Five-spotted Hawk Moth  
*Manuca sexta* Carolina Sphinx  
\**Pachyshinx modesta* Big Poplar Sphinx  
*Paonias excaecatus* Blinded Sphinx  
\**Paonias myops* Small-eyed Sphinx  
*Smerinthus jamaicensis* Twin-spotted Sphinx  
*Specodina abbotti* Abbott's Sphinx  
\**Sphinx chersis* Great Ash Sphinx  
\**Sphinx drupiferarum* Wild Cherry Sphinx  
\**Sphinx eremitus* Hermit Sphinx  
\**Sphinx gordius* Apple Sphinx  
\**Sphinx kalmia* Laurel Sphinx  
*Sphinx luscitiosa* Clemens' Sphinx  
\**Xylophanes tersa* Tersa Sphinx

#### **NOTODONTIDAE – PROMINENTS**

*Cerura occidentalis*  
*Datana integerrima* Walnut Caterpillar Moth  
*Datana ministra* Yellow-necked Caterpillar Moth  
*Schizura unicornis* Unicorn Caterpillar Moth

#### **ARCTIIDAE - TIGER MOTHS**

##### **- ARCTIINAE**

*Apantesis nais* Nais Tiger Moth  
*Apantesis phalerata* Harnessed Tiger Moth  
*Apantesis vittata* Banded Tiger Moth  
*Estigmene acrea* Salt Marsh Moth  
*Hyphantria cunea* Fall Webworm Moth  
*Pyrharctia isabella* Isabella Tiger Moth (woolly bear caterpillar)

##### **- CTENUCHINAE**

*Ctenucha virginica* Virginia Ctenucha

#### **LYMANTRIIDAE - TUSSOCK MOTHS**

*Lymantria dispar* Gypsy Moth  
*Orgyia leucostigma* White-marked Tussock Moth

## NOCTUIDAE - OWLET MOTHS

### - ACONTIINAE

*Homophoberia apicosa* Black Wedge-spot

*Leuconycta diptheroids* Green Leuconycta

*Leuconycta lepidula*

*Lithacodia carneola* Pink-barred Lithacodia

*Lithacodia muscosula*

*Tarachidia candefacta* Olive-shaded Bird-dropping Moth

*Tarachidia erastrioides* Small Bird-dropping Moth

### - ACRONICTINAE - Dagger Moths

*Acronicta dactylina*

*Acronicta hasta*

*Acronicta nocivaga*

*Acronicta obliterata*

*Acronicta radcliffei*

*Acronicta sperata*

*Agriopodes teratophora*

*Simyra henrici* The Gray Marvel

### - AGARISTINAE

*Alypia octomaculata* Eight-spotted Forester

*Eudryas grata* Beautiful Wood-nymph

*Eudryas unio* Pearly Wood-nymph

*Psychomorpha epimenis* Grapevine Epimenis

### - AMPHIPYRINAE

*Achatodes zaeae*

*Agroperina dubitans*

*Agroperina helva*

*Amolita fessa*

*Amhipoea americana*

*Amhipoea velata*

*Amhipyra glabella*

*Amhipyra pyramidoides* Copper Underwing

*Amhipyra tragopoginis*

*Apamea amputatrix*

*Apamea finitima*

*Balsa tristigella*

*Bellura gortynoides*

*Bellura obliqua*

*Calloplistria cordata* Silver-spotted Fern Moth

*Condica videns*

*Crambodes talidiformis*

*Dypterygia rozmani*

*Euplexia benesimilis*

*Galgula partita*

*Helotropha reniformis*

*Hyppa xylinoides*

*Ipimorpha pleonectusa*  
*Luperina passer*  
*Nedra ramosula*  
*Ogdoconta cinereola*  
*Oligia modica*  
*Oligia obtusa*  
*Papaipema arcivores* Northern Burdock Borer Moth  
*Papaipema baptisiae* Indigo Stem Borer Moth  
*Papaipema cerussata* Ironweed Borer Moth  
*Papaipema furcata* Ash Tip Borer Moth  
*Papaipema inquaesita* Sensitive Fern Borer Moth  
*Papaipema leucostigma* Columbine Borer Moth  
*Papaipema marginidens* Brick Red Borer Moth  
*Papaipema necopina* Sunflower Borer Moth  
*Papaipema nebris* Stalk Borer Moth  
*Papaipema pterisii* Bracken Borer Moth  
*Papaipema sciata* Culver's Root Borer Moth  
*Perigea xanthioides*  
*Phlogoptra iris*  
*Plagiomimicus pityochromus*  
*Platysenta vecors*  
*Proxenus Miranda*  
*Rhizedra lutosa* Large Wainscot (phragmites feeder)  
*Spodoptera ornithogalli*  
*Stibadium spumosum*

**- CATOCALINAE**

*Argyrostromis anilis* Short-lined Chocolate  
*Ascalapha odorata* Black Witch  
*Calyptra canadensis* Canadian Owlet  
*Catocala amatrix* The Sweetheart  
*Catocala amica* Girlfriend Underwing  
\**Catocala blandula* Charming Underwing  
*Catocala briseis* Briseis Underwing  
*Catocala cara* Darling Underwing  
*Catocala cerogama* Yellow-banded Underwing  
\**Catocala coccinata* Scarlet Underwing  
*Catocala concumbens* Sleepy Underwing  
*Catocala connubialis* Connubial Underwing  
*Catocala crataegi* Hawthorn Underwing  
\**Catocala dejecta* Dejected Underwing  
\**Catocala epione* Epione Underwing  
*Catocala grynea* Woody Underwing  
\**Catocala habilis* Habilis Underwing  
*Catocala ilia* Ilia Underwing  
\**Catocala illecta* Magdalen Underwing  
\**Catocala innubens* The Betrothed

\**Catocala insolabilis* Inconsolable Underwing  
\**Catocala judith* Judith's Underwing  
\**Catocala lacrymosa* Tearful Underwing  
*Catocala lineella* Lineella Underwing  
*Catocala meskei* Meske's Underwing  
\**Catocala mira* Wonderful Underwing  
\**Catocala nebulosa* Clouded Underwing  
\**Catocala neogama* The Bride  
\**Catocala obscura* Obscure Underwing  
*Catocala palaeogama* Oldwife Underwing  
*Catocala parta* Mother Underwing  
*Catocala praeclara* Praeclara Underwing  
*Catocala piatrix* The Penitent  
\**Catocala relictia* White Underwing  
\**Catocala residua* Residua Underwing  
*Catocala resecta* Yellow-gray Underwing  
\**Catocala serena* Serene Underwing  
*Catocala ultronia* Ultronia Underwing  
*Catocala unijuga* Once-married Underwing  
*Catocala vidua* Widow Underwing

See also separate web page on [underwing moths](#)

*Euclidia cuspidata* Toothed Somberwing  
*Euparthenos nubilis* Locust Underwing  
*Melipotis jucunda* Merry Melipotis  
*Panopoda carneicosta* Brown Panopoda  
*Parallelia bistriaris* Maple Looper Moth  
*Plusiodonta compressipalpis* Moonseed Moth  
*Scoliopteryx libatrix* The Herald  
*Zale horrida* Horrid Zale  
*Zale lunata* Lunate Zale  
*Zale undularis* Black Zale

#### - CUCULLIINAE

*Catabena lineolata*  
*Cucullia asteroides*  
*Cucullia convexipennis*  
*Eupsilia devia* Lost Sallow  
*Eupsilia morrisoni*  
*Eupsilia tristigmata*  
*Eupsilia vinulenta*  
*Lithophane antennata*  
*Lithophane bethunei*  
*Lithophane disposita*  
*Lithophane grotei*  
*Pyreferra hesperidago* Mustard Sallow  
*Sunira bicolorago*  
*Sutyra privata*

*Xylena curvimacula* Dot-and-Dash Swordgrass Moth

*Xylena nupera*

- **HADENINAE**

*Aletia oxygala*

*Crocigrapha normani*

*Faronta diffusa* Wheat Head Armyworm Moth

*Faronta rubripennis* Pink Streak (prairie species)

*Homorthodes furfurata*

*Lacanobia grandis*

*Lacanobia legitima*

*Lacanobia subjuncta*

*Lacinipolia lorea*

*Lacinipolia renigera*

*Leucania commoides*

*Leucania inermis*

*Leucania insueta*

*Leucania multilinea*

*Leucania phragmatidicola*

*Leucania pseudargyria*

*Leucania ursula*

*Melanchra picta*

*Morrisonia confusa*

*Morrisonia evicta*

*Nephelodes minians*

*Orthodes crenulata* Rustic Quaker

*Orthodes cynica* Cynical Quaker

*Orthosa revicta*

*Orthosia hibisci*

*Protorthodes oviduca*

*Pseudaletia unipuncta* Armyworm Moth

- **HELIOTHIDINAE - Flower Moths**

*Pyrrhia umbra* Bordered Sallow

*Rhodoecia aurantiago* Orange Sallow

*Schinia florida* Primrose Moth

*Schinia obscurata*

*Schinia rivulosa* Ragweed Flower Moth

*Schinia thoreaui* Thoreau's Flower Moth

*Schinia trifascia* Three-lined Flower Moth

- **HERMINIINAE**

*Chytolita morbidalis*

*Idia americalis* American Idia

*Idia aemula* Common Idia

*Phalaenophana pyramusalis*

- **HYPENINAE**

*Bombolcha bijugalis*

*Bomolocha albaliensis*

*Bomolocha baltimoralis*

*Bomolocha manalis*

*Plathypena scabra* Green Cloverworm Moth

**- PANTHEINAE**

*Charadra deridens* The Laugher

*Colocasia propinquinelinea* Closebanded Yellowhorn

*Rafia frater* The Brother

**- NOCTUINAE**

*Abagrotis alternata*

*Agrotis gladiaria*

*Agrotis ipsilon* Ipsilon Dart (black cutworm caterpillar)

*Agrotis venerabilis*

*Cerastis tenebrifera*

*Euagrotis forbesi*

*Euagrotis illapsa*

*Euxoa obeliscoides*

*Euxoa tessellata*

*Euxoa velleripennis*

*Feltia herilis*

*Feltia jaculifera*

*Feltia subgothica*

*Feltia tricola*

*Longivesica messoria*

*Ochropleura plecta*

*Peridroma saucia* Variegated Cutworm Moth

*Protolampra brunneicollis*

*Spaelotis clandestina*

*Xestia badinodis*

*Xestia dolosa* Greater Black-lettered Dart ( spotted cutworm caterpillar)

*Xestia smithii*

*Xestioa bicarnea*

**- PLUSIINAE**

*Allagrapha aerea* Unspotted Looper Moth

*Anagrapha falcifera* Celery Looper Moth

*Autographa biloba* Bilobed Looper Moth

*Autographa precatationis* Common Looper Moth

*Autographa pseudogamma*

*Diachrysia balluca*

*Plusia contexta* Connected Looper Moth

*Pseudeva purpurigera* Straight-lined Looper Moth

*Pseudoplusia includens* Soybean Looper Moth

*Trichoplusia ni* Cabbage Looper Moth



