



Lepidoptera of Ojibway

Butterflies and moths belong to the insect order Lepidoptera. Here is a draft list of 334 species recorded in the Ojibway area.

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 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 hortius 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
Atrytone 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 bimaculata Two-spotted Skipper
Euphyes vestris Dun Skipper
Amblyscirtes hegon Pepper and Salt Skipper

PAPILIONIDAE – SWALLOWTAILS

Battus philenor Pipevine Swallowtail
Papilio 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
Saytrium titus Coral Hairstreak
Saytrium acadica Acadian Hairstreak
Saytrium edwardsii Edward's Hairstreak
Saytrium calanus Banded Hairstreak
Saytrium caryaevorum Hickory Hairstreak
Saytrium 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 selenis 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
Satyroides eurydice Eyed Brown
Satyroides 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

SESIIDAE – CLEAR-WINGED MOTHS

Albuna fraxini Virginia Creeper Clearwing Moth

Melittia cucurbitae Squash Vine Borer Moth

TORTRICIDAE – TORTRICID MOTHS

Ecdytolopha insitiana 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 virginiensis* 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 quinque maculata 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* Torsa Sphinx

NOTODONTIDAE – PROMINENTS

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

ARCTIDAE - 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

LYMANTRIDAE - 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 muscosa

Tarachidia candefacta Olive-shaded Bird-dropping Moth

Tarachidia erastrioides Small Bird-dropping Moth

- ACRONICTINAE - Dagger Moths

Acronicta dactylina

Acronicta hasta

Acronicta nocivaga

Acronicta oblongata

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

Amphipoea americana

Amphipoea velata

Amphipyra glabella

Amphipyra pyramidoides Copper Underwing

Amphipyra 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
Phlogophra iris
Plagiomimicus pityochromus
Platysenta vecors
Proxenus Miranda
Rhizdra 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 relictata* 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 cuspidea 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
Sutyna 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 thoreau 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 propinquilinea 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

