

# Verified Butterfly Species Observed in Brazoria County



Listed in order of most observations to fewest

	Species*	Host Plants**
1	Gulf Fritillary	Passionvines
2	Monarch	Milkweed; Green Milkweed, Aquatic Milkweed, Zizotes Milkweed
3	Pearl Crescent	White Heath Aster, Aster family
4	Black Swallowtail	Prairie parsley, Golden Alexander, Marsh parsley -Non native; dill, fennel, parsley
5	Common Buckeye	Indian Paintbrush, Texas Frogfruit
6	Little Yellow	Partridge Pea
7	Fiery Skipper	Bermuda grass, St. Augustine grass
8	Long-tailed Skipper	Pigeonwings, Panickedleaf Tick-trefoil
9	Gray Hairstreak	Texas Goatweed (Hogwort), Ground Plum, Texas Bluebonnet, Coastal Live Oak
10	Tropical Checkered Skipper	Arrowleaf Sida, Broomweed, Velvet-leaf
11	Phaon Crescent	Frogfruit
12	Queen	Milkweed; Green Milkweed, Aquatic Milkweed, Zizotes Milkweed
13	Cloudless Sulphur	Pea family: Cassia and Senna
14	Question Mark	Hackberry, American Elm
15	Tawny Emperor	Sugarberry, Common Hackberry
16	Viceroy	Black Cherry, Eastern Cottonwood, Black Willow
17	White-striped Longtail	Panickedleaf Ticktrefoil
18	Clouded Sulphur	Partridge Pea, Ground Plum
19	Pipevine Swallowtail	Wooley pipevine, Texas Duchman's Pipe
20	Ceraunus Blue	Partridge Pea, Honey Mesquite, Fern Acacia
21	Horace's Duskywing	Coastal Live Oak
22	American Lady	Cudweed, Everlasting, Pussytoes, Texas Thistle
23	Eastern Tiger Swallowtail	Black Cherry, Sweetbay Magnolia, Ash trees, Tulip tree and Willow
24	Eastern Giant Swallowtail	Hercules Club, Hop Tree, Citrus
25	American Snout	Hackberry
26	Variiegated Fritillary	Passionvines, native Violets, Pursalane
27	Red Admiral	Stinging Nettle, False Nettle
28	Spicebush Swallowtail	Red Bay, Swamp Bay, Sassafrass, Spicebush
29	Checkered White	Virginia Peppergrass
30	Brazilian Skipper	Water Canna
31	Orange Sulphur	Partridge Pea, Ground Plum
32	Painted Lady	Texas Thistle, Common Sunflower
33	Goatweed Leafwing	Texas Goatweed (Hogwort)
34	Ocola Skipper	Rice cut grass
35	Great Southern White	Dwarf Saltwort (Glasswort)
36	Carolina Satyr	Common carpet grass, St. Augustine grass, Basket grass
37	Southern Skipper	Little blue-stem, Big blue-stem, Pea family
38	Dun Skipper	Various sedges
39	Little Wood Satyr	Native grasses
40	Red-banded Hairstreak	Dead/fallen leaves of Wax Myrtle, Sumac and Oak
41	Funereal Duskywing	Pigeonwings, Lindheimer's Senna
42	Dusky-blue Groundstreak	Dead leaves, detritus, and rotting fruit
43	Eufala Skipper	Johnson grass, Bermuda grass
44	Oak Hairstreak	Texas Live Oak, Post Oak
45	Large Orange Sulphur	Texas Ebony
46	Dainty Sulphur	Bitterweed
47	Hackberry Emperor	Sugarberry, Common Hackberry
48	Salt Marsh Skipper	Saltgrass, Smooth Cordgrass
49	Southern Broken-Dash	Native grasses
50	Dorantes Longtail	Pigeonwings, Panickedleaf Ticktrefoil

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51	Eastern Pygmy-Blue	Dwarf Saltwort (Glasswort)
52	Whirlabout	Bermuda grass, St. Augustine, Paspalum
53	Western Pygmy-Blue	Saltbush, Glasswort
54	Turk's-cap White Skipper	Turk's Cap
55	Wild Indigo Duskywing	White, Yellow and Blue Wild Indigo
56	Mallow Scrub-Hairstreak	Mallow family
57	Southern Cloudywing	Legume/pea family, clovers
58	Sleepy Orange	Pea Family; Partridge Pea
59	Reakirt's Blue	Honey Mesquite, Fern Acacia
60	Southern Dogface	False Indigo, Prairie clovers
61	Eastern Gemmed-Satyr	Bermuda grass
62	White Checkered Skipper	Arrowleaf Sida, Mallow family
63	Least Skipper	Marsh Millet, Rice Cutgrass, and Rice.
64	Great Purple Halstreak	Mistletoe
65	Western Giant Swallowtail	Hercules Club, Hop Tree, Wild Lime, Citrus
66	Julia Heliconian	Passionvines
67	Swarthy Skipper	Little blue-stem, other native grasses
68	Huron Skipper	Bermuda grass, native grasses
69	Broad-winged Skipper	Common Reed
70	Palamedes Swallowtail	Red Bay, Swamp Bay
71	Banded Hairstreak	Oak, Hickory
73	Intricate Satyr	Woodland grasses
74	Soapberry Hairstreak	Western Soapberry
75	Northern Cloudywing	Legume/pea family, clovers
76	White Peacock	Frogfruit, Water Hyssop, Wild Petunia
77	Zebra Longwing	Passionvines
78	Ruddy Daggerwing	Common fig
81	Bordered Patch	Common Sunflower
82	Eastern Tailed-Blue	Pea family, clovers
83	Statira Sulphur	Legume/pea family, Powderpuff
84	White M Hairstreak	Coastal Live Oak
85	Mimosa Yellow	Mimosa family
86	Julia's Skipper	Bermuda grass
87	Celia's Roadside-Skipper	Paspalum grass
88	Obscure Skipper	Saltgrass, Seashore dropseed, and Bermuda grass
89	Hoary Edge	Tick-trefoils, False Indigo

\* Species list compiled from iNaturalist observaton data through February 2026; [www.inaturalist.org](http://www.inaturalist.org)

\*\*Not a complete list.

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