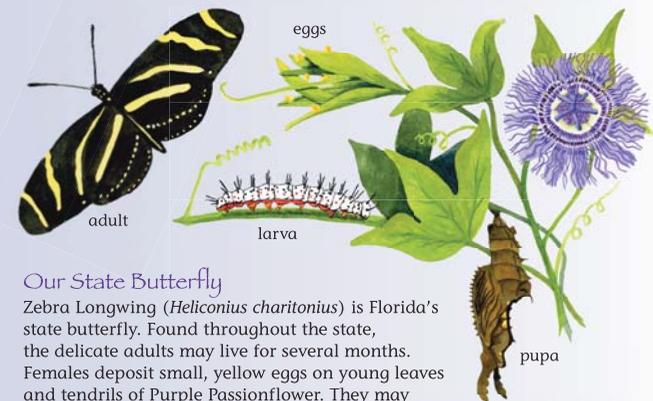


Florida Wildflowers & Butterflies



Florida is home to a spectacular array of wildflowers and butterflies. There are some 2800 native plants and more than 180 species of butterflies for residents and visitors to enjoy year round. This diversity is due in part to Florida's geographic location — it is suitable for many temperate and subtropical species. Invite butterflies to your yard by gardening with native plants. Cater to their life cycle needs by including nectar plants for adult butterflies and host plants for their larvae.

Butterflies have four life stages: egg, larva (caterpillar), pupa (chrysalis), and adult. By planting host plants, you are providing food for caterpillars and can enjoy watching them grow and transform into adult butterflies. The life cycle below shows the egg, larva, pupa, and adult stages of the Zebra Longwing on its host plant, Purple Passionflower.



Our State Butterfly

Zebra Longwing (*Heliconius charitonius*) is Florida's state butterfly. Found throughout the state, the delicate adults may live for several months. Females deposit small, yellow eggs on young leaves and tendrils of Purple Passionflower. They may produce numerous generations each year.

Our State Wildflower

The genus *Coreopsis* is Florida's state wildflower. Often called tickseeds, the plants' small seeds cling to clothing or pet hair and resemble insects. Thirteen *Coreopsis* species occur in Florida, two of which are found only in Florida. *Coreopsis* is frequently planted in gardens, and can often be seen along roadsides.



Palamedes Swallowtail
Papilio palamedes



Giant Swallowtail
Papilio cresphontes
Larval host plants include: Wild Lime



Zebra Longwing
Heliconius charitonius
Larval host plants include: Purple Passionflower, Corky-stemmed Passionflower



Queen
Danaus gilippus
Larval host plants include: White Swamp Milkweed, Butterflyweed



Viceroy
Limnitis archippus



Monarch
Danaus plexippus
Larval host plants include: White Swamp Milkweed, Butterflyweed



Hackberry Butterfly
Asterocampa cellis



Eastern Tiger Swallowtail
Papilio glaucus
Larval host plants include: Wild Cherry



Eastern Black Swallowtail
Papilio polyxenes



Pipeline Swallowtail
Battus philenor



Julia
Dryas iulia
Larval host plants include: Corky-stemmed Passionflower



Polydamus Swallowtail
Battus polydamus



Spicebush Swallowtail
Papilio troilus



Red-spotted Purple
Limnitis arthemis astyanax
Larval host plants include: Wild Cherry



Gulf Fritillary
Agraulis vanillae
Larval host plants include: Purple Passionflower, Corky-stemmed Passionflower



Phaon Crescent
Phyciodes phaon



Malachite
Siproeta stelenes



American Painted Lady
Vanessa virginensis



White Peacock
Anartia jatrophae



Question Mark
Polygonia interrogationis



Common Buckeye
Junonia coenia
Larval host plants include: False Foxglove, Twinflower, Carolina Wild Petunia



Red Admiral
Vanessa atalanta



Gray Hairstreak
Strymon melinus



Red-banded Hairstreak
Calycopis cecrops



Great Purple Hairstreak
Atlides halesus



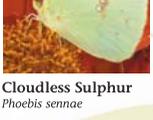
Banded Hairstreak
Satyrium calanus



White-M Hairstreak
Parthasius m-album



Cloudless Sulphur
Phoebis sennae



Orange-barred Sulphur
Phoebis philea



Sleepy Orange
Eurema nicippe



Southern Dogface
Zerene cesonia
Larval host plants include: Bastard Indigo, Summer Farewell



Horace's Duskywing
Erynnis horatius



Long-tailed Skipper
Urbanus proteus
Larval host plants include: Beaked Butterfly Pea



Southern Skipperling
Copaodes minimus



Fiery Skipper
Hylephila phyleus



Little Metalmark
Calophaelis virginensis
Larval host plants include: Purple Thistle



Silver-spotted Skipper
Epargyreus clarus
Larval host plants include: Bastard Indigo



Tropical Checkered Skipper
Pyrgus oileus



Clouded Skipper
Lerema accius



Little Wood Satyr
Megisto cymela



Carolina Satyr
Hermeuptychia sosybius



Barred Sulphur
Eurema daira



Dainty Sulphur
Nathalis iole



American Snout
Libytheana carinenta



Great Southern White
Ascia monuste



Checked White
Pontia protodice



Ceraunus Blue
Hemitarucus ceraunus



Cassius Blue
Leptotes cassius



Atala
Eumaeus atala
Larval host plants include: Coontie