

Orland Grassland June 2012 fauna and flora sightings.

Hi,

I did my route today and there were many butterflies out. There were 21 species and a big total of 415 butterflies. Sulfurs seemed to be everywhere. 212 Orange sulfurs and Common sulfurs counted together were seen and 49 Little yellows and 9 of the even smaller Dwarf sulfurs were seen too. The Common wood nymphs were out and there were 54 of those. The 5 Variegated fritillaries is my highest count for these. I was very busy today writing all of these down. This is the list:

6--22--12

#### BUTTERFLIES

1. Checkered skipper 1
2. Least skipper 3
3. Baptesia duskywing 1
4. Black swallowtail 6
5. Cabbage white 29
6. Common/ Orange sulfur 212
7. Little yellow 49
8. Dwarf sulfur 9
9. Coral hairstreak 4
10. Eastern tailed blue 6
11. Spring azure 1
12. Viceroy 1
13. American painted lady 5
14. Red admiral 1
15. Buckeye 9
16. Pearl crescent 5
17. Question mark 1
18. Variegated fritillary 5
19. Meadow fritillary 3
20. Common wood nymph 54
21. Monarch 10

This is a list of all of the flowers seen blooming and some others that are not blooming yet.

#### FLOWERS

Prairie rose-- also called Illinois rose  
Pasture rose  
Black eyed Susan  
Common milkweed-- many  
Short green milkweed-- one  
Tall green milkweed-- some blooming  
Swamp milkweed  
Scurfy pea

Prairie coreopsis  
 Daisy fleabane  
 Yarrow  
 Foxglove beard tongue-- a few still blooming  
 Rough cinqufoil  
 Nightshade-- some say it's not native, some say it is native, I think it is native  
 Gray headed coneflower-- a few blooming  
 Virginia anemone-- some blooming in west Phoenix  
 Marsh Hedge Nettle-- more blooming in wetlands by 175th St. entrance  
 Pale purple coneflower-- many by The Scrape, some in The Phoenix and Phoenix East  
 Flowering spurge  
 Wild quinine-- many  
 Purple prairie clover  
 Water hemlock-- quite a few in Phoenix East wetland by the ditch, many in wetland northwest of The Watering Hole, many in Phoenix East( east of north work path)  
 Blue vervain-- quite a few blooming  
 Prairie Indian hemp-- ( dogbane) many blooming in The Scrape and Bluebird Savanna  
 Tickseed sunflower-- a few blooming  
 New England aster-- 8 or 9 blooming in Phoenix, Phoenix East  
 Illinois bundle flower-- budding  
 Horse nettle  
 Compass plant-- many budding, it will be a big year for this flower  
 Elderberry  
 Scribner's panic grass-- big amounts in Phoenix and Phoenix East  
 Round headed bush clover- very big colony growing in Phoenix North right at edge of the  
  
 still there and over 200  
  
 Phoenix), these are not  
  
 honeysuckle row, last year's stems are  
 new ones( this is not the colony in west  
 blooming yet.  
  
 Rattlesnake master-- a few blooming  
 White prairie clover-- 3 blooming, Scrape East Slope  
 Leadplant-- one almost blooming  
 Prairie sundrops-- 2 blooming, Bluebird Savanna  
 Mountain mint-- some blooming, big amounts will be blooming in Phoenix East  
 Sawtooth sunflower-- many blooming  
 False sunflower-- quite a few blooming  
 Winged loosestrife-- many blooming in wetland east and northeast of The Scrape  
 Monkey flower-- 2 blooming, same location as the previous one  
 Early goldenrod-- one budding

#### DRAGONFLIES

Green darner, Widow skimmer, Twelve spotted skimmer, Common whitetail, Black saddlebags, Red saddlebags, Eastern pondhawk, Eastern amberwing, Eastern pondhawk

#### MOTHS

Haploa moths-- many  
 Bumblebee moth-- a few

Hummingbird moth-- a few

#### WASPS

Thread waisted wasp-- they are all black and there were over 100

#### BIRDS

There were many birds singing in the Grassland today and I was listening to these as

I was looking for butterflies. These were the main ones.

Dickcissel-- over 20 singing, bobolink, eastern meadowlark, grasshopper sparrow, field sparrow, song sparrow, eastern towhee, robin, bluebird, indigo bunting, goldfinch, orchard oriole, kingbird, brown thrasher, catbird, common yellowthroat, warbling vireo, cedar waxwing, flicker, house wren

#### TURTLE

Painted turtle

#### OTHER

I also flushed another fawn. This one was in Henslow's Ridge. This fawn did not stop to look at me.

He ran across 175th St., through Betony Place and was still going past The Oasis. The flowers in the photos are from Scrape East Slope. The short green milkweed is very near

the leadplant. The Variegated fritillary in the photo was in Henslow's Ridge. I think some

people can tell what flower it is on.

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