

Texas Master Naturalist Cradle of Texas Chapter

Texas Parks & Wildlife Department

Brazos Bend State Park

Butterfly Census Final Report

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This citizen science project is one of several annual butterfly counts in the Houston area (and many more nationwide). Participants were divided into small groups and patrolled areas within BBSP and vicinity counting all species and individual butterflies seen.

The first BBSP butterfly 1995 tallied 392 butterflies of 30 species. The record count of 2001 found 5340 butterflies of 57 species. In 2014, a Julia Heliconian and a Clouded Sulphur, both uncommon for our count, were among the 678 individuals of 40 species reported.

SWALLOWTAILS		BRUSHFOOTS		SKIPPERS	
1	Black Swallowtail	1	American Snout	3	Long-tailed Skipper
1	Giant Swallowtail	89	Gulf Fritillary	6	Horace's Duskywing
		3	Variegated Fritillary	1	Funereal Duskywing
WHITES & SULPHURS		317	Phaon Crescent	33	Common Checkered-skipper
2	Clouded Sulphur	83	Pearl Crescent	83	Tropical Checkered-skipper
1	Orange Sulphur	1	Crescent species	9	Checkered-skipper species
21	Cloudless Sulphur	1	Question Mark	28	Clouded Skipper
164	Little Yellow	8	Red Admiral	3	Least Skipper
1	Dainty sulphur	24	Common Buckeye	7	Southern Skipperling
		4	Viceroy	11	Fieri Skipper
HAIRSTREAKS		20	Hackberry Emperor	1	Whirlabout
27	Gray Hairstreak	13	Tawny Emperor	3	Southern Broken-Dash
3	Red-banded Hairstreak	2	Emperor species	12	Little Glassywing
21	Dusky-blue Groundstreak	1	Gemmed Satyr	3	Broad-winged Skipper
		106	Carolina Satyr	11	Dun Skipper
BLUES		12	Satyr Species	2	Ocola Skipper
2	Ceraunus Blue	6	Monarch	8	Skipper species
4	Eastern Tailed-Blue	13	Queen	5	unknown butterfly