

A total of 93 species of butterflies have been recorded in Erie County, of which 79 have been recorded on Presque Isle State Park. The status and distribution of butterflies often fluctuate within a few, to many years. The changing environment also affects butterfly populations. The status and distribution of many species of butterflies listed in the checklist appear to have gone through dramatic changes in the last 30 years. At least 30 species of butterflies have not been recorded on Presque Isle State Park during that period. Thirteen species of butterflies have not been recorded anywhere in the county in the last 30 years. Continued surveying should be conducted annually in the county and on the park to maintain a regular account of their status and distribution.

The common names listed in the checklist are those used in recent popular butterfly publications. The scientific names are those published in Pelham, Jonathan P., *A Catalogue of the Butterflies of the United States and Canada*, Vol. 40, The Lepidoptera Research Foundation, Inc., Beverly Hills, CA, 2008

Status Codes:

A.....Abundant  
*Species is observed in great numbers.*

C.....Common  
*Species is consistently seen in proper habitat.*

U.....Uncommon  
*Species present in limited numbers and not certain to be seen.*

R.....Rare  
*Species is observed only at intervals of several years.*

L.....Local  
*Species only found in very local or specialized habitats.*

S.....Stray  
*Species that irregularly immigrates into the county. Not observed every year.*

DU.....Data Unavailable  
*Species known to have occurred in the county but little or no data is available.*

F.....Formerly  
*Species that have not been recorded in the last 30 years.*

In the second column an "X" marks the species that have been recorded on Presque Isle State Park. An "F-X" indicates the species has not been recorded in the last 30 years on Presque Isle State Park.

In the seasonal distribution section, a column is used for each month of the year (January is the only month in which no butterfly has been recorded in Erie County). A solid dark bar following a species passes through the months in which that species has been recorded. A dot following a species indicates a single record.

Please report butterflies coded DU, R, L, S or F to the compiler at:

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Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Location: \_\_\_\_\_

Observers: \_\_\_\_\_

Notes:

# CHECKLIST OF BUTTERFLIES



Recorded in  
**Erie County, Pennsylvania**  
including  
**Presque Isle State Park**  
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