

Butterflies that might be seen at Lotusland

Common Name	Species	Larval food plant	Adult food source
Western Tiger Swallowtail	<i>Papilio rutulus</i>	Willow, ash, poplar, cherry	Nectar – <i>Abelia</i> , <i>Aesculus</i> , <i>Eriodictyon californicum</i> , thistles, <i>Zinnia</i>
Anise Swallowtail	<i>Papilio zelicaon</i>	Fennel, parsley, citrus	N/A
Monarch	<i>Danaus plexippus</i>	Milkweeds	Nectar – <i>Apocynum</i> , milkweeds
Queen	<i>Danaus gilippus</i>	Milkweeds	Nectar – <i>Bidens</i> spp., milkweeds, <i>Phyla</i> spp.
Gulf Fritillary	<i>Agraulis vanillae</i>	Passion flower	Nectar – <i>Bidens</i> spp., <i>Cordia</i> spp., <i>Lantana</i> spp., sunflower family
Cabbage White	<i>Pieris rapae</i>	Mustard family, caper family	Nectar – asters, clover, dandelion, mint, mustard family
Orange Sulfur	<i>Colias eurytheme</i>	Pea family, clover, alfalfa	Nectar – asters, dandelion, goldenrod, milkweeds
Cloudless Sulfur	<i>Phoebus sennae</i>	<i>Cassia</i> spp.	Nectar – <i>Cordia</i> spp., <i>Bougainvillea</i> , <i>Hibiscus</i> spp., <i>Lantana</i> spp., <i>Lobelia cardinalis</i> , morning glory, thistles
Clouded Sulfur	<i>Colias philodice</i>	Clover, barley, pea, alfalfa	Nectar – many
California Dog-face	<i>Zerene eurydice</i>	<i>Baptisia</i> (alfalfa)	Nectar – thistles (purple flowers)
Mourning Cloak	<i>Nymphalis antiopa</i>	Willow, American elm, cottonwood, poplar, orchard trees	Tree sap – especially oaks (rotting fruit, nectar only if sap not available)

Lourquin's Admiral	<i>Limenitis lorquini</i>	Cherry, orchard trees, poplar, <i>Spirea</i> , Willow	Nectar – <i>Aesculus</i> , <i>Eriodictyon californicum</i> , privet; bird droppings, dung
Painted Lady	<i>Vanessa cordui</i>	Canola, mallow family, thistles, sunflower, (>100 plant species)	Nectar – <i>Cephalanthus</i> , composites especially thistles, milkweeds, privet, red clover
West Coast Lady	<i>Vanessa anabella</i>	Mallow family	Nectar
Red Admiral	<i>Vanessa atalanta</i>	Nettle family, hops	Rotting fruit, sap flows on trees, bird droppings, (milkweed, clover, aster, alfalfa only if others not available)
Common Buckeye	<i>Junonia coenia</i>	Plantain family, <i>Ruellia</i> , snapdragon family,	Nectar – <i>Apocynum</i> , <i>Centaurea</i> , composites such as aster, chickory, <i>Bidens</i> , <i>Grindelia</i> , peppermint
Marine Blue	<i>Leptotes marina</i>	Alfalfa, <i>Amorpha</i> , mesquite, pea family, <i>Plumbago</i>	<i>Eriogonum fasciculatum</i> , oleander
Acmon Blue	<i>Plebeius acmon</i>	<i>Astragalus</i> , buckwheats, clover, <i>lotus</i> , lupines	Nectar
Gray Hairstreak	<i>Strymon melinus</i>	<i>Eriogonum</i> , <i>Hibiscus</i> , <i>Malva</i> , <i>Nolina</i> , <i>Polygonum</i> , <i>Rhamnus californica</i> , <i>Salvia mellifera</i>	Nectar – <i>Amorpha</i> spp., <i>Apocynum</i> , <i>Barbarea</i> , clover, <i>Desmodium</i> , goldenrod, milkweeds, mint,
Funereal Duskywing	<i>Erynnis funeralis</i>	<i>Lotus scoparius</i> , vetch	<i>Salvia mellifera</i>
Silver-spotted Skipper	<i>Epargyreus clarus</i>	<i>Amorpha</i> , <i>Robinia</i> , <i>Gleditsia</i> , <i>Glycyrrhiza</i>	Nectar – never yellow flowers, rarely white or cream; <i>Cephalanthus</i> , clover, <i>Lathyrus</i> , <i>Liatris</i> , milkweeds, thistles
Fiery Skipper	<i>Hylephila phyleus</i>	Grasses	Asters, <i>Bidens</i> , <i>Clethra</i> , <i>Helenium</i> , milkweeds, thistles, <i>Vernonia fasciculata</i>