

Host Plants for Common Front Range Butterflies and Moths

Black Swallowtail – Dill and other members of the carrot family (*Apiaceae*)

Two-tailed Tiger Swallowtail – Various cherries (*Prunus* sp.) and ash (*Fraxinus* sp.)

Mourning Cloak – Many broadleaf deciduous plants: willow (*Salix* sp.), elm (*Ulmus* sp.), hackberry (*Celtis* sp.) and cottonwood (*Populus* sp.)

Painted Lady – Thistle (*Cirsium* sp.), many composites (*Asteraceae*) and mallows (*Malvaceae*)

Colorado Hairstreak – Gambel oak (*Quercus gambelii*). Eggs are found on bark and caterpillars have been reared on leaves.

Orange-bordered Blue/ Melissa Blue – Lupine (*Lupinus* sp.), alfalfa (*Medicago sativa*), and wild licorice (*Glycyrrhiza* sp.)

Colorado Alpine – Grasses (*Poaceae*) and sedges (*Cyperaceae*)

Weidemeyer's Admiral – Willows (*Salix* sp.) and cottonwood (*Populus* sp.)

Cabbage White – Crucifers (*Brassicaceae*) and nasturtiums (*Tropaeolum majus*)

Checkered White – Crucifers (*Brassicaceae*) and Rocky Mountain bee plant (*Cleome serrulata*)

Monarch – Milkweed (*Asclepias* sp.) and dogbane (*Apocynum* sp.)

Red Admiral – Nettles (*Urtica* sp.) and hops (*Humulus* sp.)

Checkered Skipper – Plants in the mallow family (*Malvaceae*), such as hollyhocks (*Alcea* sp.) and cowboy's delight (*Sphaeralcea* sp.)

Silver Spotted Skipper – Legumes (*Fabaceae*), such as locusts (*Gleditsia*, *Robinia*) and licorice (*Glycyrrhiza* sp.)

Orange Sulphur – Legumes such as golden banner (*Thermopsis* sp.), milkvetch (*Astragalus*), wild pea (*Lathyrus*), locoweed (*Oxytropis* sp.) and lupine (*Lupinus* sp.)

Edward's Fritillary – Violets (*Viola* sp.)

Variegated Fritillary – Violets and pansies (*Viola* sp.), flax (*Linum* sp.), stonecrop (*Sedum* sp.) and plantain (*Plantago* sp.)

Hummingbird Moth – Honeysuckle (*Lonicera* sp.)

Tomato Hornworm Moth – Plants in the nightshade family (*Solanaceae*), such as tomato and tobacco

White-lined Sphinx Moth – Wild buckwheat (*Eriogonum* sp.), chickweed, evening primrose, purslane, as well as apple, pear and plum trees

Polyphemus Moth – Many broad-leaved trees and shrubs, especially apple (*Malus* sp.) and dogwood (*Cornus* sp.)