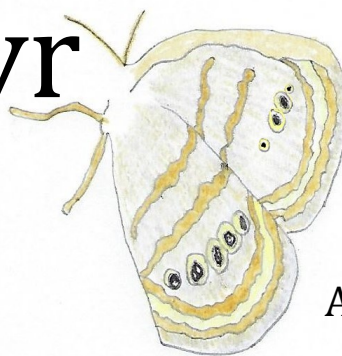


The Lonely Satyr

For Butterfly Enthusiasts of Northeast Indiana



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Butterfly Language

Warm Greetings to all Lonely Satyrs! Thank you for your continued support of this plucky little newsletter. I look forward to another successful butterfly season in Indiana and Michigan. I have been slowly creating a list of the word “butterfly” in as many languages as I can. If you speak a language not on this list and would like to contribute, please email or call me. Also, if you see a word that needs corrected, please contact me as well. Many of these I found in language dictionaries. I also had the help of a few friends.

Language	Butterfly	Translation (best attempt)
Austrian dialect of German Thanks Paul and Heike	<i>schmetterling</i>	possession of or connection to cream
French	<i>papillon</i>	flapping of wings or wing shape
Italian	<i>farfalla</i>	bow tie shape
Hebrew	<i>parpar</i>	to flutter
Dutch	<i>vlinder</i>	to flutter
Spanish	<i>mariposa</i>	Mary rests or Mary posing
Lakota Thanks Kenneth Redbird	<i>kimimela</i>	butterfly
Myaamia Thanks Jarrid Baldwin	<i>kaakatakilenkwia</i>	one who has spotted wings
Russian	<i>babochka</i>	old woman or old soul
Old English	<i>butterfleoge</i>	butter and fly

When researching the origin of the word “butterfly,” I found many references to the yellow or cream color of butterflies (think of our Sulphurs). I also found many thoughts about butterflies being attracted to dairy cream, and even their feces being a creamy color. This got me thinking—have I ever seen butterfly poo? Many other origin stories connect to fairies, spirits, or souls. Most word origins though seem to be tied to the movement of the wings or wing shape. If you know any butterfly origin stories, please contact me and I’ll share additional languages and stories at the end of the season. Cheers! Leslie Arnold

A Final Look at 2021



Silver-bordered Fritillaries

Photo credit: Ronda Spink

October 2021



Red Admiral

Photo credit: Ronda Spink

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Data from the Michigan Butterfly Network -

Thanks to Jennifer Meilinger, Community Science & Michigan Butterfly Network Director for sharing!

2021 Butterfly Monitoring Season Recap

In 2021, virtual butterfly monitoring trainings were held yet again which hosted over 90 potential monitors as they learned the butterfly monitoring protocol and butterfly identification. New and experienced monitors conducted 452 surveys documenting 13,978 individual butterflies this monitoring season encompassing 77 unique species.

Top Ten Butterfly Species this Season:

Cabbage White – 2,485
Monarch – 1,262
Pearl Crescent – 1,058
Eastern Tailed Blue – 758
European Skipper – 708
Little Wood-Satyr – 534
Common Wood Nymph – 518
Least Skipper – 484
Great Spangled Fritillary – 349
Clouded Sulphur – 332

Learn more about butterfly monitoring at www.michiganbutterfly.org. You can support MiBN with a donation to Kalamazoo Nature Center.



Purplish Copper

Photo credit: Ronda Spink

October 2021, ASGA Farm Unit

Community Calendar

Contact the event host prior to traveling to make sure it's not cancelled.

Know Your Butterflies! Indoor Training

Friday, May 6

6:00-9:00 p.m.

Presbyterian Chapel of the Lakes

2955 West Orland Rd., Angola, IN, 46703

Learn how to ID local butterflies and monitor butterfly populations.

Registration fee is \$5.00. RSVP Deadline is May 2. Contact John Brittenham at johnbrittenham@gmail.com or 260-242-2759 for registration information.

Native Plant Sale

Saturday, May 7

10:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.

Riverview Native Nursery

5635 County Road 72, Spencerville, IN, 46788

This plant sale is part of the Rural Artists Studio Tour.

www.riverviewnativenursery.com

Know Your Butterflies! Outdoor Training

Saturday, May 21

1:00-4:00 p.m.

Pine Knob Park, 2835 E IN 120, Howe, IN, 46746

Attend both the indoor and outdoor training sessions to get an Indiana butterfly field guide book. RSVP Deadline is May 2. Contact John Brittenham at johnbrittenham@gmail.com or 260-242-2759 for registration information.

Spring Plant Sale

Sunday, May 28

10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

Clear Lake Conservancy, Clear Lake Lutheran Church

270 Outer Dr., Fremont, IN, 46737

<https://clearlakeconservancy.org>



Early Spring Sightings

Mourning Cloak

Richard Gerber

Churubusco, IN

Mid-March

Amy Oberlin

Pigeon River Fish and Wildlife Area, Howe, IN

March 15

Leslie Arnold

Maple Wood Nature Center, LaGrange, IN

March 20

John Brittenham

Michigan

March 21

If you'd like your event information to be in May's newsletter, please turn it in by April 22. Local sightings are my favorite part of the newsletter, so please report what you're seeing. Don't be shy!

Photos are great!



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