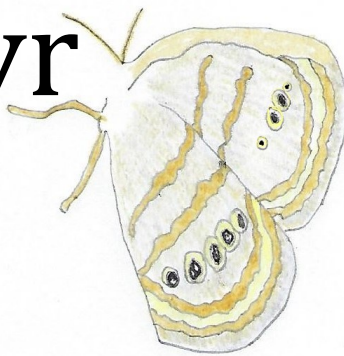


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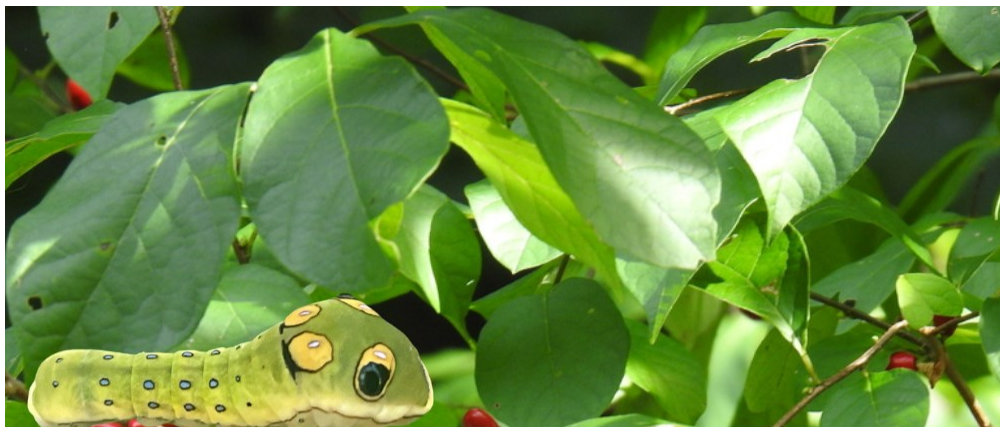


For Butterfly Enthusiasts
of Indiana, Michigan, Ohio

June 1, 2026

Pollinator Week, June 22-28 by Leslie Arnold

Pollinator Partnership, www.pollinator.org, hosts an annual celebration to raise awareness about the health of our pollinators. In 2008, the U.S. Senate voted unanimously to approve and designate a week in June as “National Pollinator Week.” The urgency to protect pollinators has grown the event to an international scale. This newsletter contains information about family-oriented websites copied from the Pollinator Week Toolkit. It is available in full at www.pollinator.org/pollinator-week/toolkit. This is a great month for us to show our love for butterflies and help spread the word about their decline.



Pollinator WEEK

June 22-28, 2026



Limited-edition Pollinator Week shirts are available. You can order your shirt on the website, click “Order Now”

www.pollinator.org/pollinator-week

Week cont'd.

These activities can be done at home!

Pollinator Partnership Learning Center

pollinator.org/learning-center/education

Looking for curriculum, educational tools, activities, and fun facts about monarchs, gardening, and other pollinators? We've got a whole list of resources to help you put together a fun day of learning for your students!

Bee Smart School Garden Kit

pollinator.org/bee-smart

Cultivate learning about monarchs and other pollinators by creating your own garden learning area! The Bee Smart School Garden Kit includes 10 lesson plans, worksheets, tests, and materials for the included activities. This kit is perfect for school administrators, educators, teachers, garden coordinators, and parents for use with students in grades 3 to 6. Kits options vary and cost for the kit can be found on P2's website.



Left: Juniper Hairstreak
Credit: John Michael Durback
East Fork State Park, Bethel, OH
4/11/2026

Also spotted: Gemmed Satyr

Shawnee State Forest, 4/12/26
Eastern Tiger Swallowtail (female dark form)
Falcate Orangetip
White Hairstreak (male)

Week cont'd.

Monarch Habitat Restoration and Management Webinar Series

pollinator.org/mwaebf/webinars

Want to learn more about monarch biology and ecology? How about best management practices for monarch habitat planning, preparation, and management? If so, this series has you covered! Each video is only 20-30 minutes and will give you the tools and knowledge to enhance your habitat for this imperiled species.

Project Wingspan

pollinator.org/wingspan

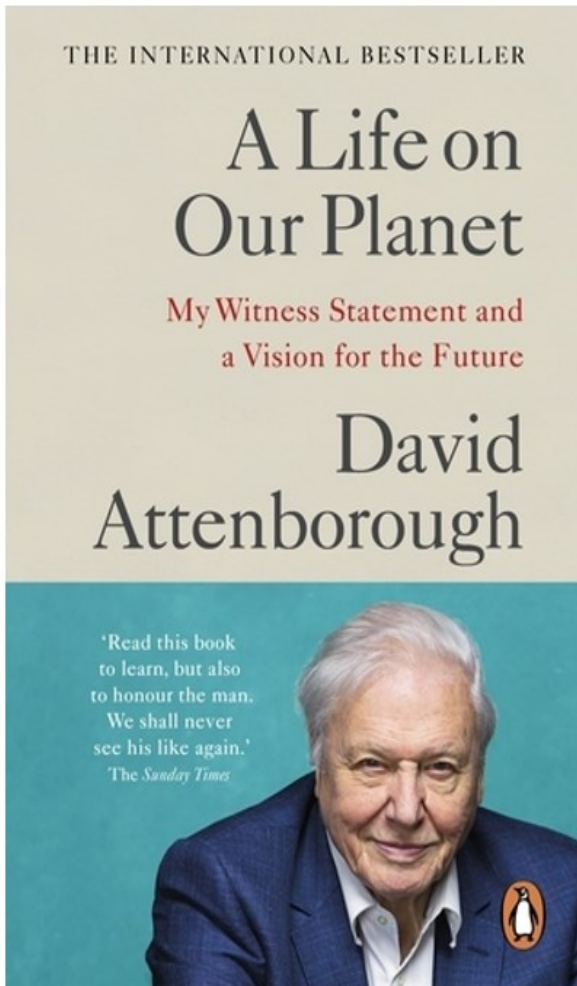
Looking for a hands-on project where teens and adults can help monarchs and other pollinators? Become part of Project Wingspan! This effort is active across CA, IA, IL, IN, OH, and Ontario. You can learn more about our project and become a trained volunteer by visiting our website.



Left: Olympia Marble
Credit: John Michael Durback
Kalkaska County, MI
5/26/2026

Also spotted:
Chryxus Arctic
Cobweb Skipper
Hoary Elfin
Brown Elfin
Eastern Pine Elfin

Happy belated Birthday, Sir David Attenborough by Leslie Arnold



My family loves nature programming. We are particularly fond of bizarre deep sea life, dancing and singing birds, and, of course, butterflies. And in our home, the narrator, simply has to be Sir David Attenborough. His voice must to be one of the most easily recognized in the world. Sir David recently celebrated his 100th birthday on May 8. In thinking about his 100th birthday, I am reminded of John Muir from *My First Summer in the Sierra*.

“Wander a whole summer if you can. Time will not be taken from the sum of your life. Instead of shortening, it will definitely lengthen it and make you truly immortal.”

Sir David has been the President of Butterfly Conservation in the United Kingdom since 1998. He has been an incredible supporter of conservation efforts including Save our Butterflies at the Natural History Museum. In 2006, he began the State of Britain’s Moths reports, and in 2010, he promoted the Big Butterfly Count. The Count is now arguably the largest citizen survey in the world.

Sadly, the United Kingdom has seen an 80% decline in butterflies since the 1970’s. As recent as 2025, over half all of their butterfly species are now in decline.

Happy Birthday, Sir. Thank you for helping to give butterflies a global stage.

His most recent publication is pictured here, left.

Some information in this article was paraphrased from this blog reference. To read more about his efforts to support butterflies, check out:

<https://butterfly-conservation.org/news-and-blog/happy-100th-birthday-to-butterfly-conservations-president-sir-david-attenborough-0>



Left: Eastern Tailed-Blue
Credit: Ronda Spink
Michigan
5/2026

Spring Sightings

John Brittenham

4/14/26— Eastern Tiger Swallowtail at Nasby Fen, near Mongo, IN

4/14/26— Red Admiral, near South Milford, IN

4/23/26— American Lady, Clark Matson Cemetery, near Pleasant Lake, IN

4/23/26— Black Swallowtail, near Pleasant Lake, IN

Community Calendar

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

Thursday, June 4

6:00pm

Water Quality Presentation

Peabody Public Library

1160 E SR 205, Columbia City, IN

This is an INPS-NE event open to the public. The Watershed Foundation will be speaking about their efforts to promote water quality.

Saturday, June 6

10:00am - 1:00pm

Allen County Master Gardeners Garden Walk & Plant Sale

Allen County Extension Office, 4001 Crescent Ave., Fort Wayne, IN

Tour the display gardens, education stations, crafts, speakers, and small selection of plants for sale.

Wednesday, June 17

3:00pm

Beaty Construction/C-Tech Pollinator Day

5300 W 100 N, Boggstown, IN 46110

Meet for a tour of the 5 acre native prairie and receive free Milkweed.

Sunday, June 21

2:00-4:00pm

Monarch Larva Monitoring Project

Sarett Nature Center, Benton Center, MI

Learn how to help protect Monarchs through this project. For all ages; free for members and non-members. [Call 269-927-4832 to register.](tel:269-927-4832)

Saturday, June 27

10:00am-2:00pm

Riverview Open House

Riverview Native Nursery, 6911 Hathaway Rd., Fort Wayne, IN

Annual nursery open house with activities and plant sale.

Tuesday, June 30

Chain O' Lakes State Park Annual NABA Count, Albion, IN

To volunteer, contact Leslie Arnold

(No endorsement or discrimination of specific events or vendors on this community calendar is intended or implied.)



Above: Pepper and Salt Skipper

Credit: Ronda Spink

Chipman Preserve, Galesburg, MI

5/2026



If you'd like your event information to be in July's newsletter, please turn it in by June 26. 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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