## Common Butterflies of the Chicago Region Chicago Wilderness, USA

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HACKBERRY: single eyespot on the forewing and series of small eyespots on the hingwing. Host Plant: Hackberry (Celtis).





Asterocampa celtis



**GREAT SPANGLED** 

FRITTILARY: large, very fast butterfly. Underside with a light band between rows of silver spots. Several species of Frittilary are found in the area. Host Plant: Violets (Viola).

Asterocampa celtis





PEARL CRESCENT: long forewings. "Curly" patterns near body, black edging on top. Row of solid, black dots along hindwing margin. Fairly plain underneath. Host

Plants: Asters (Aster).

Speyeria cybele

49 Great Spangled Frittilary 50 Great Spangled Frittilary 51 Great Spangled Frittilary Speyeria cybele

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SILVERY CHECKERSPOT: Uncommon butterfly that is very similar to Pearl Crescent. Black dots on hindwing are actually donuts ( with a light center). Larger than Pearl Crescent. Host Plants: Sunflowers (Asteraceae).

**Silvery Checkerspot** 

Chlosyne nycteis

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Phyciodes tharos

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MOURNING CLOAK: large butterfly with light band at edge. The only similar insect is a grasshopper. Host Plants: Willows (Salix) and

other trees and shrubs.

Chlosyne nycteis

**58 Mourning Cloak** Nymphalis antiopa

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