

# COMMONLY CONFUSED



## ADULT MONARCH

*Danaus plexippus*

9 to 11 cm.  
Orange wings with black veins and white-spotted edges.



## MONARCH CATERPILLAR

Yellow, black and white stripes. Black filaments at both ends of the body.



## BLACK SWALLOWTAIL CATERPILLAR

*Papilio polyxenes*

Green with black and yellow spots. No filaments at the ends. Does not feed on milkweed.



## MILKWEED TIGER MOTH CATERPILLAR

*Euchaetes egle*

They resemble milkweed caterpillars in the first few days, but congregate in groups. After a few days, their bodies are covered in tufts of black, white, brownish-orange and yellow hair.



## VICEROY

*Limenitis archippus*

Smaller than monarchs (7 to 8 cm). Hindwings marked with a black line running across the veins.



## PAINTED LADY

*Vanessa cardui*

6 cm.  
Various colours and complex patterns on wings.



## RED ADMIRAL

*Vanessa atalanta*

6 cm.  
Various colours and no black veins on wings.



## CANADIAN TIGER SWALLOWTAIL

*Papilio canadensis*

7 to 8 cm.  
"Tails" on hindwings. Bright yellow wings with black markings.



## FRITILLARIES

6 to 8 cm.  
Rounded wings dotted with black spots.



## CHECKERSPOTS

Up to 4.5 cm.  
Very wide black borders on upper surface of wings, with dark spots in the centre of the forewings.



## COMMAS

5 to 6.5 cm.  
Irregular shape, lacy wings.



## CRESCENTS

Less than 4 cm.  
Rounded wings.