

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.