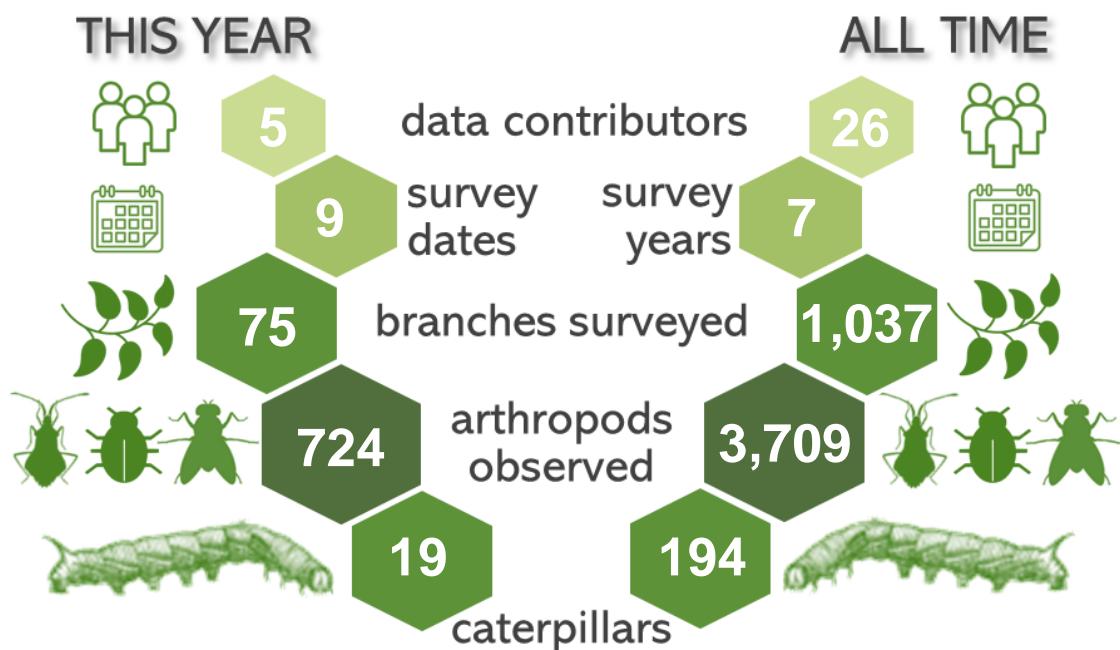




## EwA at Fresh Pond, 2025 Summary



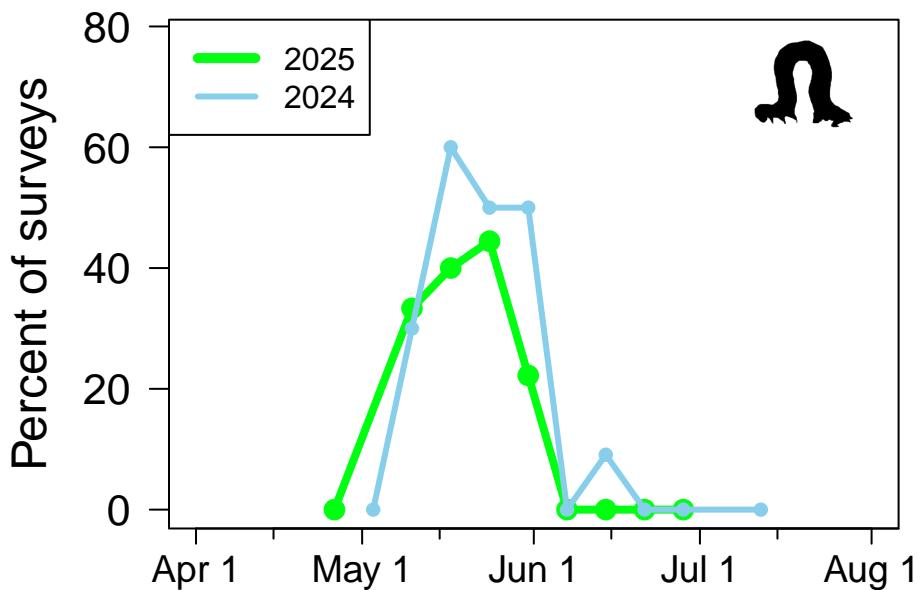
The **75** total surveys conducted at **EwA at Fresh Pond** this year ranks **50th** out of the **68** sites that participated in 2025.

### Top Participants of 2025

User	Surveys	Arthropods	Caterpillars	% Caterpillars
J Wardell	26	482	7	23.08
C O'NEILL	40	210	12	17.50
D Lakov	3	9	0	0.00
E Komar	3	2	0	0.00
K Stonig	3	21	0	0.00

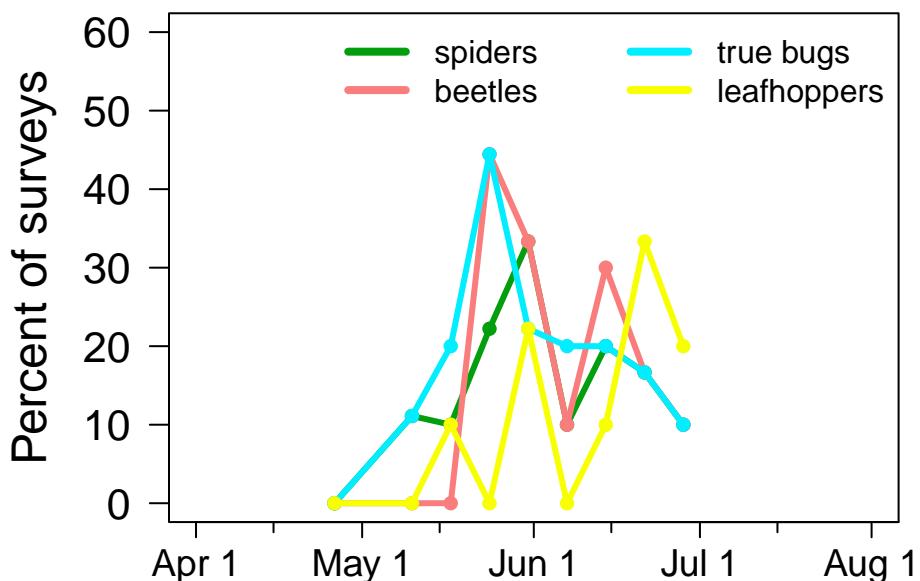
## Caterpillar Phenology

As a major source of food for nestlings of migratory birds, we are especially interested in the timing of caterpillar availability. At **EwA at Fresh Pond in 2025**, caterpillar occurrence peaked at **44.4%** of surveys on **24 May**. Do you see other peaks as well? How does the pattern compare to the previous year?



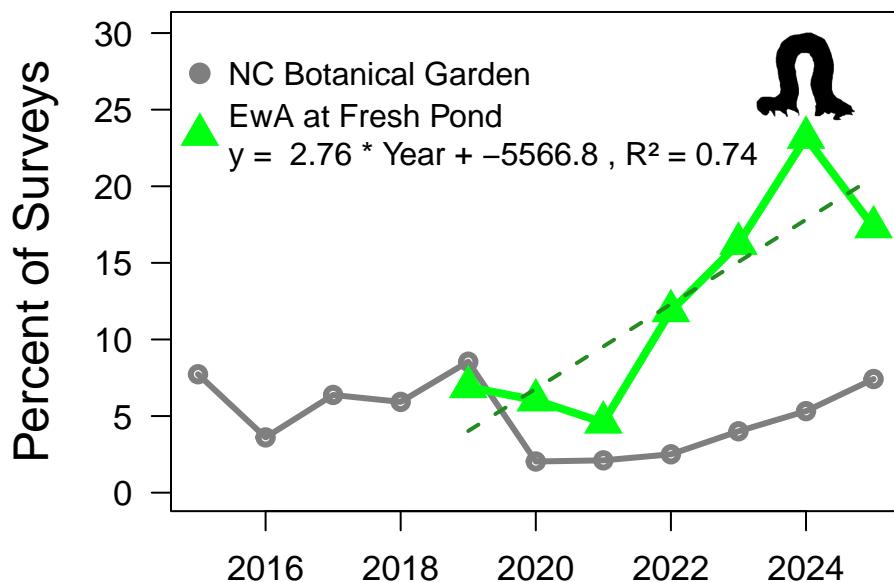
## Other Arthropod Phenology

While caterpillars tend to have pronounced seasonal peaks, other groups are more variable. What patterns do you see below for **2025**? You can explore the phenology of other groups on the [Caterpillars Count! website](#).



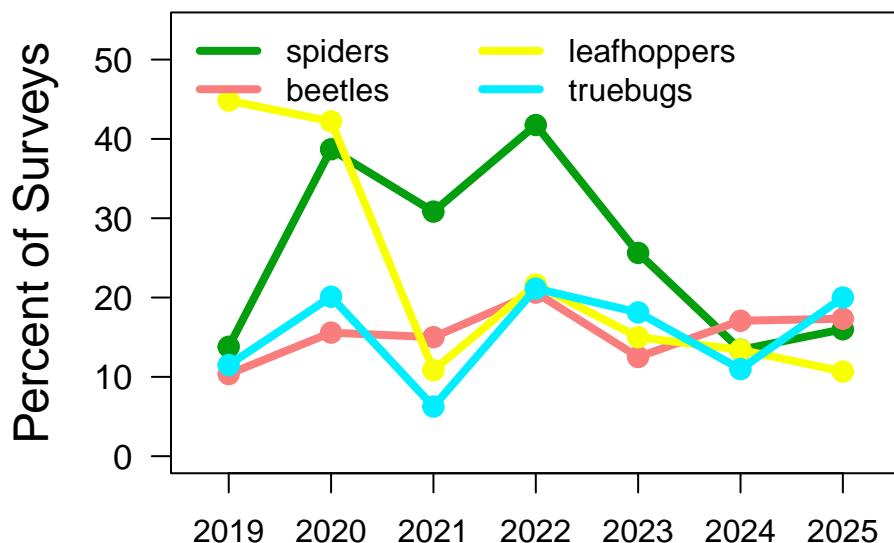
## Arthropod Trends

Annual monitoring is critical for assessing the health of ecosystems and evaluating the impacts of environmental change that may be happening in your area. There have been worrying reports of insect declines around the world but there is much we don't know, so your efforts help to fill in pieces of the puzzle. Keep it up!



Above you can see how the proportion of surveys with caterpillars has varied over time at your site, with the trend for one of our flagship sites, **NC Botanical Garden**, for comparison. If you've surveyed for at least 3 years, then you will also see the average dashed trend line displayed.

Below are trends for some other common arthropod groups. Do the different groups go up and down in sync, or seem to vary independently?

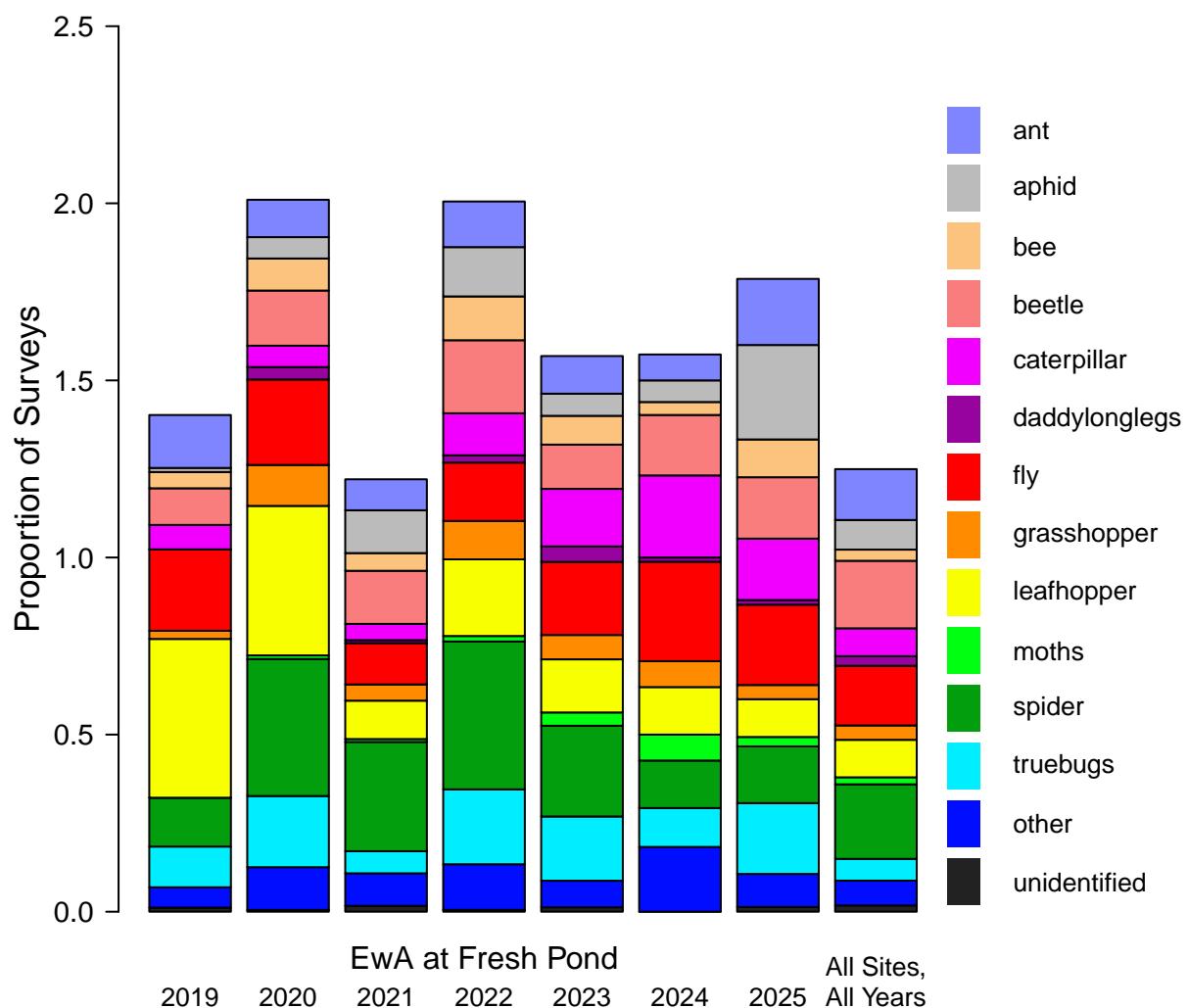


You can explore trends for more arthropod groups, and compare trends at different sites, on your site's [Trends Page](#). See also our [November 2021 newsletter](#) for more on how to interpret these trends.

## Site Arthropod Composition

Some arthropods are more commonly encountered than others. The graph below portrays the occurrence (proportion of surveys where a given group was found) for each arthropod group found at your site. See how what was found varies by year (if the site has been participating for multiple years), and how it compares to what has been found across all sites in the **Caterpillars Count!** network (*right bar*).

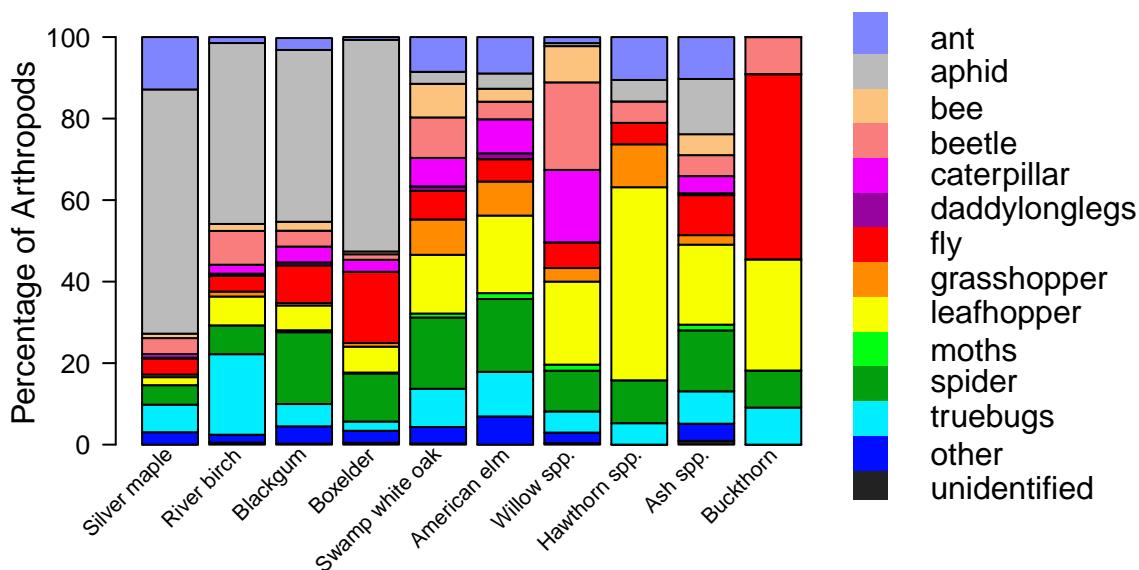
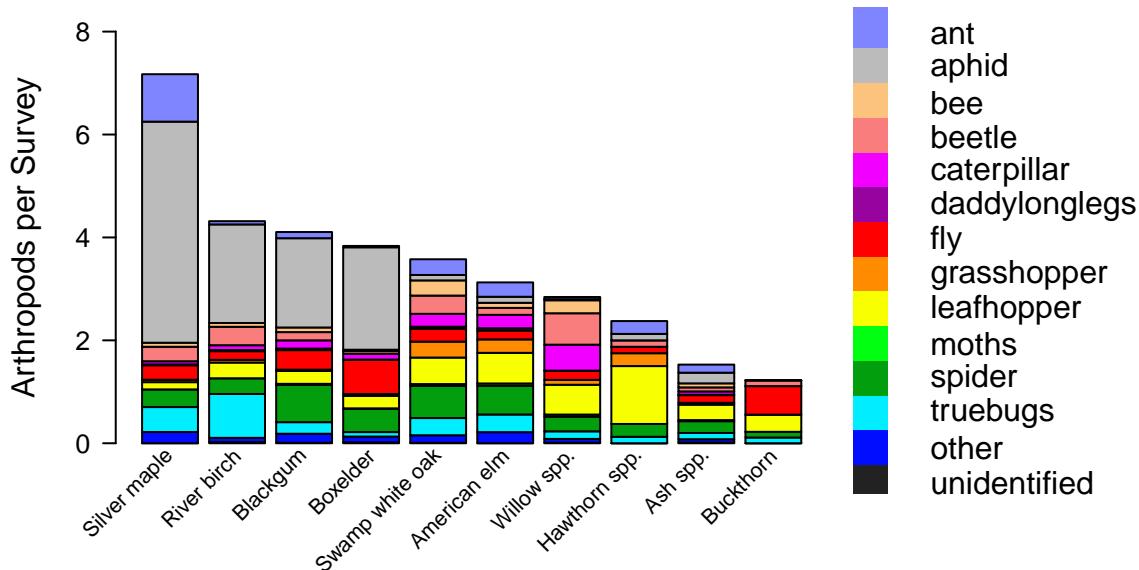
- What are the most common arthropod groups found at your site?
- Has that varied by year?
- Is anything noticeably different about **EwA at Fresh Pond** compared to all other participating sites?
- If arthropod photos were submitted as part of your site's surveys, check the last section of this report for a summary of any finer taxonomic id's that have been made.



## Arthropod Composition by Plant Species

For some arthropods like spiders, trees and leaves are merely habitat—a place where they live, hide, and hunt. For others like caterpillars, the leaves are not just habitat, but also food.

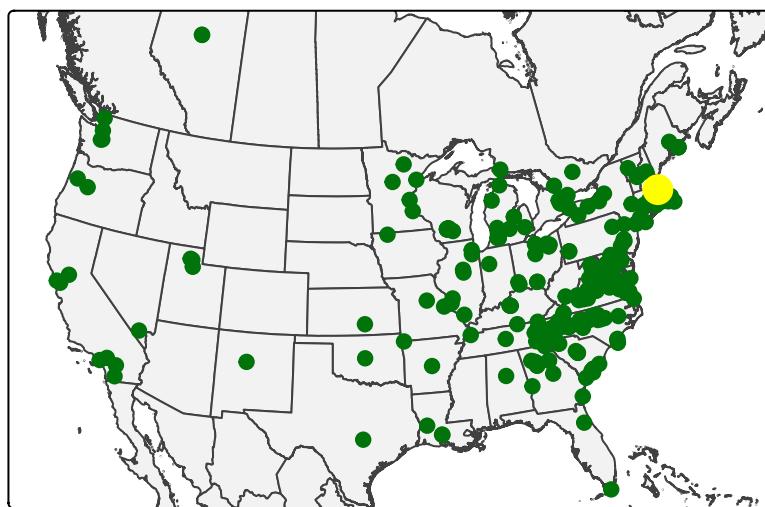
- Which plant species supports the most arthropods per survey?
- Which plant species supports the most **caterpillars**?
- Are any plant species dominated by just one or two types of arthropods?
- Or do they support a diversity of arthropod types?



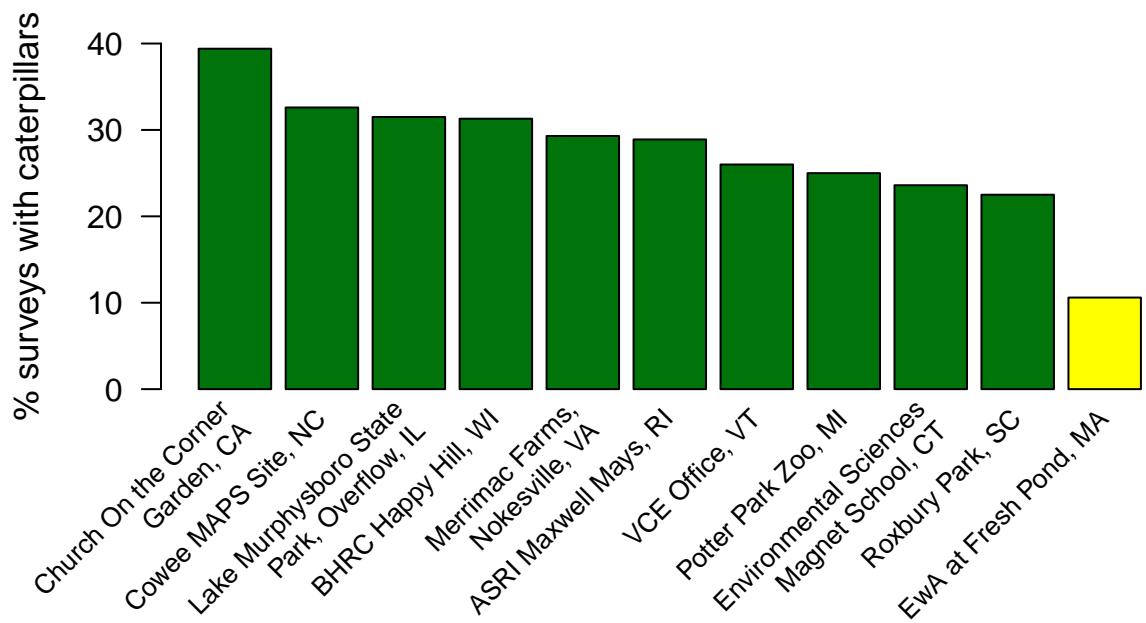
This bottom panel shows, of the arthropods found on a given plant species, what proportion were from each taxonomic group. At most, only the top 25 plant species are shown.

## Broader Patterns

Thanks to participants like yourself, **Caterpillars Count!** observers have now submitted a total of **358,184** arthropod observations—including **23,494 caterpillars**—from **274** different sites.



Across all surveys ever done at **EwA at Fresh Pond**, caterpillars have been found **10.6%** of the time, which ranks **56th** across the **204** sites with  $\geq 20$  surveys. The top 10 sites are shown for comparison.



Caterpillar occurrence and phenology vary as a function of climate, land cover, tree species, and other local factors, and **your data** are helping us understand this variation and what it might mean for birds. Thank you for participating in **Caterpillars Count!**

## Expert Identifications

Your site has submitted **1,547 Caterpillars Count!** photos which ranks **7th** out of the **191** sites with photos. You can check them all out at the site's [iNaturalist page](#). Based on these photos, experts on iNaturalist have identified the following taxa, including at least **81** unique species. Taxa seen for the first time this year are marked with a \*.

### Caterpillars

- Bucculatricidae
  - Bucculatrix sp.
- Depressariidae
  - Machimia tentoriferella
- Erebidae
  - Dasychira sp.
  - Halysidota tessellaris
- Gelechiidae
- Geometridae
- Noctuidae
  - Acronicta americana
  - Amphyra pyramidoides
  - Morrisonia confusa
- Notodontidae
  - Nerice bidentata
- Sphingidae
  - Paonias excaecata

### Moths, Butterflies

- Argyresthiidae
  - Argyresthia oreasella
- Gracillariidae
  - Caloptilia sp.
- Hesperiidae
- Tortricidae
  - Acleris semipurpurana
  - Argyrotaenia quercifoliana
  - Hedya nubiferana

### Spiders

- Anyphaenidae
  - Anyphaena sp.
- Araneidae
  - Eustala sp.
  - Araniella displicata
  - Neoscona crucifera
- Clubionidae
  - Clubiona sp.

### Dictynidae

- Lycosidae
- Philodromidae
  - Philodromus rufus
- Salticidae
  - Eris sp.
  - Hentzia mitrata
  - Synemosyna formica
- Tetragnathidae
  - Tetragnatha sp.
  - Leucauge venusta
- Theridiidae
  - Theridion sp.
  - Theridula emertoni
  - Enoplognatha ovata

### Grasshoppers, Crickets

- Gryllidae
  - Hapithus saltator
  - Oecanthus fultoni
- Oecanthidae
  - Oecanthus niveus
  - Neoxabea bipunctata
- Tettigoniidae
  - Meconema thalassinum

### True Bugs

- Coreidae
- Lygaeidae
  - Kleidocerys sp.

### Lygaeus turcicus

- Miridae
  - Hyaliodes harti
  - Neurocolpus sp.
  - Plagiognathus sp.
- Nabidae
  - Lasiomerus annulatus
- Pentatomidae
- Phymatidae
  - Phymata sp.
- Reduviidae
- Tingidae
  - Stephanitis takeyai

### Leafhoppers, Cicadas

- Acanaloniidae
  - Acanalonia conica
- Aphrophoridae
  - Philaenus spumarius
- Cicadellidae
  - Agallia sp.
  - Alebra sp.
  - Eratoneura sp.
  - Idiocerus sp.
  - Jikradia olitoria
  - Macropsis sp.
  - Oncopsis sp.
  - Populicerus sp.
  - Scaphoideus sp.
  - Colladonus clitellarius
  - Graphocephala coccinea
  - Graphocephala fennahi
  - Graphocephala versuta
  - Orientus ishidae
  - Paraulacizes irrorata\*
- Derbidae
  - Cedusa sp.
  - Omolicna uhleri
- Flatidae

Flatormenis proxima	Lampyridae	Cricotopus sp.
Metcalfa pruinosa	Ellychnia sp.	Microtendipes sp.
Ormenoides venusta	Lycidae	Polypedilum sp.
Issidae	Calopteron reticulatum	Stenochironomus cinctus
Membracidae	Mordellidae	Stictochironomus sp.
Cyrtolobus sp.	Falsomordellistena bihamata	Tanytarsus sp.
Entylia carinata	Mordellina pustulata	Chloropidae
Microcentrus perditus	Pyrochroidae	Culicidae
<b>Aphids, Scales</b>	Pedilus sp.	Dolichopodidae
Aphididae	Scirtidae	Condylostylus comatus
Calaphis sp.	Scirtes orbiculatus	Lauxaniidae
Periphyllus sp.*	<b>Bees, Wasps</b>	Homoneura sp.
Eriococcidae	Crabronidae	Micropozidae
Gossyparia spuria*	Cynipidae	Compsobata univitta
<b>Beetles</b>	Encyrtidae	Mycetophilidae
Anobiidae	Encyrtus sp.*	Otitidae
Ptilinus sp.	Gasteruptiidae	Delphinia picta
Chrysomelidae	Gasteruption sp.	Syrphidae
Acalymma vittatum	Halictidae	Allograpta sp.
Helocassis clavata	Torymidae	<b>Other observations</b>
Coccinellidae	Vespidae	Blattodea
Harmonia axyridis	Vespa flavopilosa	Ectobius pallidus
Hyperaspis sp.	<b>Ants</b>	Ectobius
Brachiacantha decempustulata	Formicidae	Ephemeroptera
Brachiacantha ursina	Temnothorax schaumii	Hexagenia
Cryptolaemus montrouzieri	Temnothorax curvispinosus	Neuroptera
Propylea quatuordecimpunctata	Camponotus nearcticus	Chrysopidae
Psyllobora vigintimaculata	Camponotus pennsylvanicus	Chrysopini
Curculionidae	Myrmica rubra	Coniopterygidae
Conotrachelus anaglypticus	Lasius americanus	Micromus
Cyrtepistomus castaneus	Nylanderia flavipes	Psocodea
Polydrusus formosus	Tapinoma sessile	Graphopsocus cruciatus
Elateridae	Tetramorium immigrans	Trichoptera
Erihinidae	<b>Flies</b>	Leptoceridae
Dorytomus sp.	Asilidae	Mystacides
Erotylidae	Ommatius sp.	Mystacides sepulchralis
Triplax sp.	Chironomidae	Triaenodes

Trombidiformes

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Thank you for participating in **Caterpillars Count!** For a more in-depth exploration of the data check out our **Maps & Graphs** page. The raw data from your site, or any site, can be downloaded [here!](#)

We can't wait to see what you find next year!



Spicebush swallowtail caterpillar, *Papilio troilus*, observed by *tem1691* on August 22, 2025 at **Lake Murphysboro State Park, Overflow**, Illinois.

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