

Butterflies and Moths in the local Darwin region

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Species name-----Common name-----Host plant

- Canopus-----Citrus butterfly----- Micromelum/Zanthoxylum/Glycosmos
- Phalantha-----Leopard-----Flacourtia sp
- Graphium-----Pale Blue Triangle-----Polyalthia/Milliusa
- Cethosia-----Orange Lacewing-----Adenia Heterophyla
- Cressida-----Big Greasy-----Arisolochia sp
- Appias Paulina---Australian Gull-----Drypetes
- Catopsilia-----Lemon Migrant-----Cassia sp
- Cepora perimale---Aussie gull-----Capparis vine and shrub sp
- Belenois java-----Caper white-----as above sp
- C Scylla-----Orange Migrant-----Cassia sp
- Delias Argenthona -----Jezebel-----Mistletoe sp
- Danaus Hamatus---Blue Tiger-----Secamone/Marsdenia/Ichnostemma
- Danaus Affinis---Swamp Tiger-----,,
- Euploia Core-----Common Crow-----Anything with white sap
- E Darchia-----Darwin Crow-----Ichnocarpus vine
- Acraea Andromache-Glass wing-----Adenia sp. Hybanthus sp
- Acraea Terpsichore-Tawny Coster-----Adenia, Pasiflora Foetida, Hybanthus sp
- Melanitis Leda-----Evening Brown-----Grass sp
- Hypolimnas Bolina---Common/varied Egg fly-----Various herbs and weeds
- H Alimena-----Blue Banded Egg fly-- Asystasia, Pseuderanthemum
- Junonia Hedonia---Brown Soldier-----Various small herbs, Hemigraphis sp
- J Orithya-----Blue Argus-----Various small ,,
- Arhopala Centaurus-Oak Blue-----Symbiotic with Green Tree Ants
- Sintherata sp Moths- Various None Eucalypt trees
- Opodithera sp Moths---Emporer Moths- Various Eucalypt Tree sp
- Disphania Moth----4 O'clock moth-----Caralia Brachyata
- Attacus Wardi-----Atlas Moth-----Litsea Glutinosa, Croton Habrophyllus, Pittosporum muluccanum.

These are the commonest Butterflies and moths (except the last one) to be found in the greater Darwin area.

A few will happily eat introduced weeds, such as *Asystasia Gangetica* (*Acanthacia*)

The newest arrival is *Acraea Terpsichore* from South East Asia which now appears firmly established and is able to eat *Passiflora Foetida* (The yellow fruited bush passion vine)

The first one "Canopus" can be a pest on Citrus fruit tree,s.

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