

Eastern Tiger Swallowtail

Pterourus glaucus

-If you have flowers in your yard, you're probably already familiar with the Eastern Tiger Swallowtail. This is one of the most common and widespread species of butterflies, and it's just as noticeable as the equally familiar Monarch. Male Eastern Tiger Swallowtails are eye-catching yellow with the splashes of blue and orange found in other swallowtails.



Wingspan: 3 ¼ to 5 ½ inches

Caterpillar hosts: The Eastern Tiger Swallowtail caterpillar depends primarily on trees for nourishment, including Black Cherry, Basswood, the Ashes, the Birches, and the Willows.

Adult food: Adults eat the nectar of a variety of plants including Cup-Plant, Compass Plant, Prairie Dock, Black Cherry, Butterfly Weed, Pale Purple Coneflower, Purple Coneflower, Swamp Milkweed, Blazing Stars, and Ironweed.