

Wings Over Florida Rules

The “Wings Over Florida” butterfly program awards full color certificates at six achievement levels to butterfly viewers who report their life lists to the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission’s Great Florida Birding and Wildlife Trail. This program is a free service to all.

Official Rules

1. No Exotic or captive species can be counted.
2. All butterflies counted towards your certificate total must be
 - a. Seen in Florida.
 - b. Alive and wild when observed. NOTE: butterflies in or escaped from a zoo or collection do not count.
 - c. Seen by the person submitting the application.
3. Caterpillars can be counted towards your certificate total.
4. Only one individual per application.
5. This program runs on the honor system. However, Southern Dogface and Silver-banded Hairstreak certificate applicants will be asked to provide supporting documentation. A word document or eButterfly checklist for example would qualify as supporting documentation.
6. All species seen were done so in an ethical manner.

Certificate Levels

Florida Life List

This list includes all the butterfly species (excluding exotics) you have seen within your lifetime within the state of Florida.

Zebra Longwing (10 to 19 species)

Common Buckeye (20 to 39 species)

Palamedes Swallowtail (40 to 79 species)

Question Mark (80 to 119 species)

Southern Dogface (120 to 149 species)

Silver-banded Hairstreak (150+ species)

Big Year List

This list includes all the butterfly species (excluding exotics) you have seen in Florida between January 1 and December 31.

NOTE: We print your final Big Year total on to your certificate so try to see as many species as possible within the qualifying dates.

Wings Over Florida is a program of the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission. If you have any questions regarding the rules and application process, please contact the Wings Over Florida coordinator Travis Blunden at (850) 488-9453 or travis.blunden@myfwc.com OR the Great Florida Birding and Wildlife Trail coordinator Liz Schold at (850) 488-9478 or liz.schold@myfwc.com.