

A Bug's Life Checkerspot butterfly

Gorgone checkerspot butterfly- *Chlosyne gorgone*
Silvery checkerspot butterfly - *Chlosyne nycteis*

Fun facts

- Young caterpillars devour leaves in June and July
- Feed in large groups on underside of leaves, leaving damage and frass
- Overwinter as 3rd instar caterpillar, finish development following year
- Plant will recover from feeding

Identification

Caterpillar: Black with branched spines, may have broad yellow-orange stripes, or patches or two stripes on each side

Butterfly: Orange and black butterfly of medium size, with light spots and crescents

Host plants

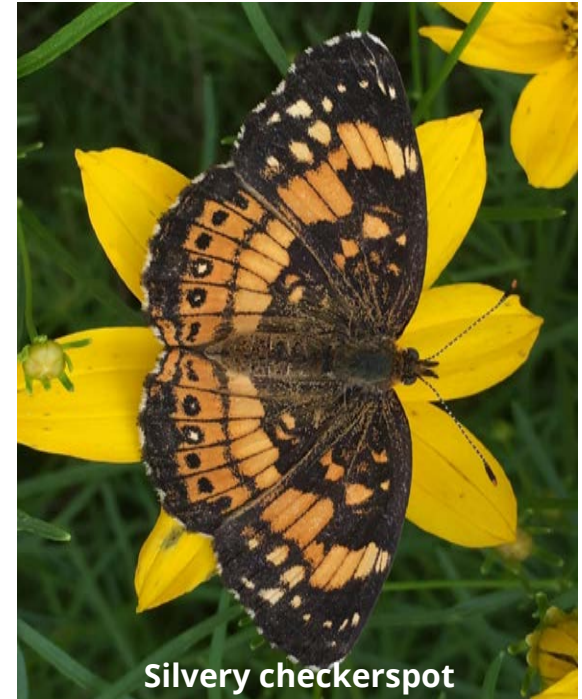
- Coneflower, sunflower, black-eyed Susan

Management

- Management not recommended as butterflies are pollinators
- Remove affected leaves



Gorgone checkerspot



Silvery checkerspot

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