

WHAT'S IN YOUR BACKYARD?

Those who have read SAMUEL H. SCUDDER'S *Butterflies of the Eastern United States and Canada* may remember many references to New Britain, Conn. Our little farm, just inside the city, is a wooded 5½ acre hilltop. The flora includes White, Yellow, and Black Birch, several oaks, Shagbark and Pignut Hickory, several maples, Hop Hornbeam and Ironwood, Beech, White Ash, Poplar, Spicebush, Alder, Hemlock, Red Cedar, pines, Tulip Tree, Basswood, Dogwood, Sumach, Sassafras, Willow, Chokecherry, Witch Hazel, *Kalmia*, *Vaccinium*, *Viburnum*, *Myrica*, flowering Raspberry, Blackberry, Elderberry, and other low shrubs.

Dr. REMINGTON'S interesting article on a one day record around New Haven on July 14th is really something to shoot at next year. Meantime, I wonder whether other "backyards" of similar extent to ours have as large a butterfly population. We have collected 47 species on our farm during the last year (1955), as follows:

<i>Lethe portlandia</i>	<i>Lycæna pblæas</i>
<i>Euptychia cymela</i>	<i>Everes comyntas</i>
<i>Cercyonis alope</i>	<i>Lycænopsis argiolus</i>
<i>Danaus plexippus</i>	<i>Papilio polyxenes</i>
<i>Speyeria cybele</i>	<i>P. cresphontes</i>
<i>S. aphrodite</i>	<i>P. glaucus</i>
<i>Phyciodes tharos</i>	<i>P. troilus</i>
<i>Polygonia interrogationis</i>	<i>Anthocaris genutia</i>
<i>P. comma</i>	<i>Colias eurytheme</i>
<i>Nymphalis j-album</i>	<i>C. philodice</i>
<i>N. antiopa</i>	<i>Eurema lisa</i>
<i>Vanessa atalanta</i>	<i>Pieris rapæ</i>
<i>V. virginensis</i>	<i>P. virginensis</i>
<i>Precis lavinia</i>	<i>Epargyreus clarus</i>
<i>Limenitis astyanax</i>	<i>Achalarus lyciades</i>
<i>L. arthemis proserpina</i>	<i>Thorybes pylades</i>
<i>L. archippus</i>	<i>Pholisora catullus</i>
<i>Asterocampa cellis</i>	<i>Erynnis icelus</i>
<i>Strymon m-album</i>	<i>E. brizo</i>
<i>S. titus</i>	<i>Ancyloxypha numitor</i>
<i>S. melinus</i>	<i>Polites themistocles</i>
<i>S. falacer</i>	<i>P. peckius</i>
<i>Mitoura gryneus</i>	<i>Poanes hobomok</i>
<i>Feniseca tarquinius</i>	

Credit must be given to Oscar, one of our cats, for the single battered specimen we have of *P. cresphontes*.

Within a mile of our farm, we have collected 24 additional species:

<i>Lethe eurydice</i>	<i>H. metea</i>
<i>Euptoieta claudia</i>	<i>Polites verna</i>
<i>Boloria selene</i>	<i>P. manataaquæ</i>
<i>B. toddi</i>	<i>P. mystic</i>
<i>Euphydryas phaeton</i>	<i>Wallengrenia otbo</i>
<i>Melitæa barrisii</i>	<i>Poanes massasoit</i>
<i>Strymon acadica</i>	<i>P. zabulon</i>
<i>Incisalia nippon</i>	<i>Atrytone logan</i>
<i>Thorybes bathyllus</i>	<i>A. conspicua</i>
<i>Erynnis horatius</i>	<i>A. ruricola</i>
<i>E. juvenalis</i>	<i>Atrytonopsis bianna</i>
<i>Hesperia sassacus</i>	<i>Lerodea pherminierii</i>

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