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### **Butterfly Diversity and Conservation**

*Jaret Daniels, author of [Butterflies of Ohio](#)*

The popularity of butterflies and other easy to watch wildlife continues to grow tremendously on a nationwide level with estimates of over 30 million people nationwide participating in nature viewing opportunities. The mass appeal of butterflies in particular can be attributed to their overall attractiveness, diversity and accessibility in urban, suburban, and rural areas. As such, many butterflies function as ideal conservation flagships, organisms selected for their distinctiveness or vulnerability in order to best engender public support and acknowledgment for broader conservation issues. Hop on board this photographic journey to discover the great variety of butterflies Ohio has to offer -- and along the way, learn more about several national conservation programs underway to help save the mounting list of imperiled species.

