

EDGAR A.W. SULLIVAN (1887 - 1984)



Edgar Sullivan was born in Watford, Ontario, 29 August 1887. He attended teachers' college at Forest, Ontario, and graduated in 1906. He then taught at Ouimet, Ontario, in Manitoba, at South Regina and Brockton, Saskatchewan. In 1909 he homesteaded at Brockton, Saskatchewan and ploughed his land with oxen.

In 1949 he retired and moved to Broderick, and then to Dundurn in 1950, where he worked fervently on his many hobbies. He collected stamps, coins, rocks and arrowheads, and made many beautiful and useful objects from native woods. His collection of 700 kinds of wood was given to the University of Alberta in Edmonton.

Edgar Sullivan was a keen observer of nature. He collected many plants,

especially grasses and sedges, which he donated to Dr. G. Ledingham to be preserved in the University of Regina herbarium.

In 1974, at 87 years of age, he began collecting butterflies. His failing eyesight made it difficult for him to pin his specimens. In spite of this, he proceeded with his collection from year to year. Many who begin a butterfly collection obtain swarms of specimens of the same species, but not many different kinds of butterflies. Edgar Sullivan was an exception: he collected 53 species from the Dundurn area, showing his ability to watch for different kinds. He brought or sent his specimens each year to the Provincial Museum for identification from 1976 until 1979. The following is a list of the species of butterflies he collected.



White Admiral

Chris Adam



Monarch

Andrius Valadka

Butterflies collected near Dundurn, Saskatchewan, by Edgar Sullivan *

Dundurn is situated 32 km south of Saskatoon. The area is mainly native prairie and cultivated fields with some aspen bluffs.

Hesperiidae

- Silver Spotted Skipper (*Epargyreus clarus*) (Raised from Wild Licorice (*Glycyrrhiza lepidota*))
- Northern Cloudy Wing (*Thorybes pylades*)
- Dreamy Dusky Wing (*Erynnis icelus*)
- Persius Dusky Wing (*Erynnis persius*)
- Checkered Skipper (*Pyrgus communis*)
- Garita Skipper (*Oarisma garita*)
- Assiniboia Skipper (*Hesperia comma assiniboia*)
- Tawny-edged Skipper (*Polites themistocles*)
- Long Dash (*Polites mystic*)
- Peck's Skipper (*Polites coras*)
- Roadside Skipper (*Amblyscirtes vialis*)

Papilionidae

- Canadian Tiger Swallowtail (*Pterourus glaucus canadensis*)

Pieridae

- Western Checkered White (*Pontia occidentalis*)
- Cabbage White (*Artogeia rapae*)
- Olympia Marble (*Euchloe olympia*) northernmost Saskatchewan record
- Western Common Sulphur (*Colias philodice eriphyle*)
- Orange Sulphur (*Colias erytheme*)

Lycaenidae

- Great Copper (*Gaeides xanthoides*)
- Bronze Copper (*Hyllolycaena hyllus*)
- Purplish Copper (*Epidemia helloides*)
- Coral Hairstreak (*Harkenclenus titus*)
- Acadian Hairstreak (*Satyrium acadica*)
- Hoary Elfin (*Incisalia polios*)
- Western Tailed Blue (*Everes amyntula*)
- Spring Azure (*Celastrina ladon*)
- Silver Blue (*Glaucopsyche lygdamus*)

- Melissa Blue (*Lycaeides melissa*)
- Greenish Blue (*Plebejus saepiolus*)
- Arctic Blue (*Agriades franklinii*)

Nymphalidae

- Variegated Fritillary (*Euptoieta claudia*)
- Great Spangled Fritillary (*Speyeria cybele*)
- Aphrodite (*Speyeria aphrodite*)
- Callippe Fritillary (*Speyeria callippe calgariana*)
- Northwestern Silverspot (*Speyeria atlantis lais*)
- Meadow Fritillary (*Clossiana bellona*)
- Carlota Checkerspot (*Charidryas gorgone carlota*)
- Northern Pearl Crescent (*Phyciodes pascoensis*)
- Tawny Crescent (*Phyciodes pratensis batesii*)
- Satyr Angle Wing (*Polygonia satyrus*)
- Green Comma (*Polygonia faunus*) This species is rare south of the mixed forest.
- Gray Comma (*Polygonia progne*)
- Mourning Cloak (*Nymphalis antiopa*)
- Milbert's Tortoise-shell (*Aglais milberti*)
- Painted Lady (*Vanessa cardui*)
- Red Admiral (*Vanessa atalanta*)
- White Admiral (*Basilarchia arthemis*)

Satyridae

- Ringlet (*Coenonympha inornata*)
- Common Wood Nymph (*Cercyonis pegala*)
- Red-disked Alpine (*Erebia discoidalis*)
- Common Alpine (*Erebia epipsodea*)
- Varuna Arctic (*Oeneis uhleri varuna*)
- Alberta Arctic (*Oeneis alberta*)

Danaidae

- Monarch (*Danaus plexippus*)

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* The scientific names used here (except in genus *Phyciodes*) are from *A catalogue/checklist of the Nearctic butterflies North of Mexico* by Lee D. Miller and F. Martin Brown (1981).