

# Cayman Islands Butterfly Families

Cayman has 5 endemic sub-species of butterflies - they are found nowhere else in the world: Cayman Swallowtail (our largest butterfly), Cayman Velvety Brown Leaf-Butterfly, Cayman Zoe Julia, Cayman Lucas Blue, & Cayman Pygmy Blue (our smallest butterfly)



Monarch



Queen



Souldier

Milkweeds Family: **Danaidae**

Butterflies & Moths belong to a large order of insects called **Lepidoptera** - which have 4 scale-covered wings.



**Swallowtail**  
Family: **Papilionidae**  
**The Maxis**



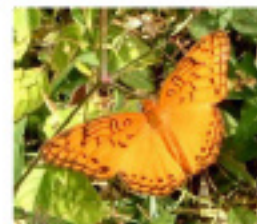
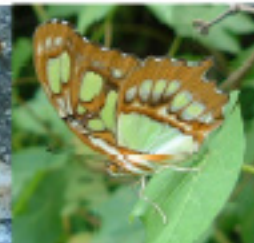
The Great Southern White is Cayman's most noticed butterfly - often large numbers are seen as people drive along.

**Family: NYMPHALIDAE**  
**Brush-Footed Butterflies & Anglewings**

Buckeye,  
Cuban Red, Malachite, White Peacock,  
Crescent Spot, Mexican Fritillary,  
& Cayman Velvety Brown Leaf Butterfly



**The Whites**  
Family: **Pieridae**  
& Sulphurs  
**The Yellows**



**Gossamer Wings**  
Family: **Lycaenidae**  
**Blues**  
**The Minis**  
&  
**Hairstreaks -**  
**Tailed Smalls**



**Family: Heliconiidae - The Longwings -**  
**Zebra, Julia & Gulf Fritillary**



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Left: Fiery Skipper,  
centre: Long-tailed Skipper,  
right: Three-spot Skipper



**Skippers**  
Family: **Hesperiidae**  
**Little Darters**

