Your field mission

Team: _____ Date/time: _____
Weather: _____ Walk duration: _____

Look, photograph, compare, record. No catching, chasing, handling, collecting or purchased releases. Stay on the approved route; leave plants, eggs, caterpillars and chrysalises undisturbed. Children remain with their adult. Stop or postpone if weather or site conditions are unsuitable.

Starter shortlist - Lee County records, not guaranteed sightings

Candidate / photo guide	Clue - not a complete identification key	Photo # / checked?
Eastern Tiger Swallowtail	Yellow with dark stripes; females may be dark. Compare markings carefully.	_____ _____
Black Swallowtail	Dark wings, rows of pale spots; orange-red hindwing eyespot with dark center.	_____ _____
Cloudless Sulphur	Usually large and lemon-yellow; some females are pale/white. Compare with other sulphurs.	_____ _____
Common Buckeye	Brown wings with conspicuous, colorful eyespots.	_____ _____
Gulf Fritillary	Orange upper wings; elongated silver markings underneath.	_____ _____
Monarch	Orange with dark veins and white-spotted black borders. Check lookalikes. Seasonal bonus.	_____ _____

Scoring - reward evidence, not chasing

2 points per different photo-supported, checked species, counted once per session (including species not on this list). Add 1 point each for observing nectar feeding, basking or puddling, up to 3 behavior points total. Unknowns stay in the log but earn no species points until checked. Zero sightings is a valid result - record it. No bonus for disturbing wildlife.

My best record: _____ Photo #: _____
Where / what it was doing: _____
Feature used for ID / still unsure?: _____

Reality check: this starter sheet links to real reference photos; it is not a finished illustrated identification card. Build a site-verified, permission-cleared photo card as WDR records accumulate.

References: [1-6] Species names above link to their Alabama Butterfly Atlas accounts (identification and county records). [7] Alabama Extension: Butterfly Gardens. [8] Alabama Butterfly Atlas: records, flight periods and submission guidance. State butterfly: Eastern Tiger Swallowtail [1]. No WDR field survey has been undertaken for this sheet.