

## DEFINITIONS

- \* Status: (A Status in brackets is that suggested by the website editor, where it differs from the existing Status.)
- NC: (There is no State protection for butterflies in NC and thus no official status. SR and W are NC NHP designations only.)  
 SR = Significantly Rare; status given by the NC Natural Heritage Program, which tracks the species in its database.  
 W = Watch List; not tracked by the NC Natural Heritage Program, but species is scarce and NHP wishes to obtain records; may track at a later date.
- US: E = Endangered  
 FSR = Federal Status Review

Rank: NatureServe gives each plant and animal species a global rank of rarity, and each state Natural Heritage Program gives each species occurring within its borders a state rank of rarity. Thus, each species has a global and state rank. (A Rank in brackets is that suggested by the website editor, where it differs from the existing Rank.)

State:

Rank   Number of Extant Populations

S1	1-5	Critically imperiled in North Carolina because of extreme rarity or because of some factor(s) making it especially vulnerable to extirpation from North Carolina.
S2	6-20	Imperiled in North Carolina because of rarity or because of some other factor(s) making it very vulnerable to extirpation from North Carolina.
S3	21-100	Rare or uncommon in North Carolina.
S4	101-1000	Apparently secure in North Carolina, though it may be quite rare in parts of its range, especially at the periphery.
S5	1001+	Demonstrably secure in North Carolina, though it may be quite rare in parts of its range, especially at the periphery.
SA	1?	Accidental or casual; one to several records for North Carolina, but the state is outside the normal range of the species.
SH	0	Of historical occurrence, perhaps not having been verified in the past 20 years, and suspected to be still extant.
SX	0	Believed to be extirpated in North Carolina.
SU	1+	Possibly in peril in North Carolina but status uncertain; need more information.
SR	---	Reported from North Carolina, but without persuasive documentation.
SE	---	Exotic; not native to North Carolina.
SZ_	---	Population is not of conservation concern, generally because the population(s) is transitory, without any regular locales of occurrence whereby the species can be protected. A "B" modifier (i.e., SZB) indicates that the species may produce one or more broods in the state. An "N" modifier (i.e., SZN) indicates that the species does not normally breed/produce broods in the state.

Global: Global ranks are similar to state ranks except "in North Carolina" is replaced by "globally", and "extirpation from North Carolina" is replaced by "extinction". Additional global ranks are:

- G\_Q --- Questionable taxonomic assignment.  
 GNR --- Not yet ranked by NatureServe.



*North Carolina Counties*