

Baltimore Checkerspot *Euphydryas phaeton*

Habitat Preference: Sedge meadows and fens as well as deciduous forest in extreme southeast Iowa.

Flight Period: June 6th to June 26th in southeast Iowa and June 20th to July 12th in northeast Iowa

Threats:

- Loss of wetland habitat. Many natural wetlands have been drained throughout Iowa for agriculture and urban development.
- Clearing of forestland for agriculture and urban development.

Practice Guidelines:

- Protect fens and sedge meadows with populations of turtlehead (*Chelone glabra*), which is the only first year food source for the caterpillars in northeast and east-central Iowa.
- Protect deciduous forest in extreme southeast Iowa with populations of yellow false foxglove (*Aureolaria grandiflora*), which may be the only first year food source for the caterpillars in this portion of Iowa.
- In their second year caterpillars will eat a wide variety of plants including members of the figwort, honeysuckle and plantain families and white ash.

