Butterflies for Release

Last Modified:

USDA will only consider permits for the following species for release into the environment depending on where the butterflies are coming from and where they are being sent:

Agraulis vanillae
* Danaus plexippus (see note)
Heliconius charitonius
Heraclides cresphontes
Nymphalis antiopa
Papilio polyxenes
Vanessa atalanta
Vanessa cardui
Vanessa virgiensis

Note: *For the monarch butterfly, Danaus plexippus, USDA does not issue permits for interstate movement across the continental divide for release into the environment.

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