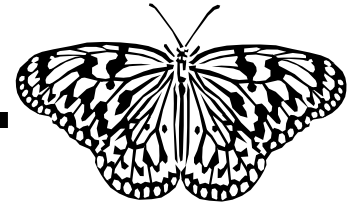


Butterfly Plants



“Plants That Provide Food & Shelter for Butterflies”

Annuals

Ageratum
Allyssum
Cosmos
Gallardia
Impatiens
Heliotrope
Lantana
Marigold
Morning glory
Nasturtium
Nicotiana
Pentas
Petunia
Queen Anne’s lace
Snapdragon
Sunflower
Thistle
Tithonia
Verbena
Zinnias

Perennials

Achillea
Agastache
Alcea
Allium
Arabis
Armeria
Artemesia
Aruncus
Asclepias
Aster
Astilbe
Aubrieta
Baptisia
Centaurea
Centranthus
Ceratostigma

Perennials

Chelone
Cimicifuga
Coreopsis
Delphinium
Dianthus
Dictamnus
Digitalis
Echinacea
Echinops
Erigeron
Eupatorium
Gaillardia
Geranium spp.
Helianthus
Heliopsis
Hemerocallis
Heuchera
Iberis
Leucanthemum
Liatris
Lonicera
Lupinus
Malva
Monarda
Nepeta
Origanum
Penstemon
Phlox
Physostegia
Rudbeckia
Salvia
Saponaria
Scabiosa
Sedum
Solidago
Viola

Herbs

Anise
Borage
Catnip
Dill
Fennel
Hyssop
Lavender
Mints
Oregano
Rosemary
Rue
Sage

Veggies & Fruit

Arugula
Cabbage
Carrot
Celery
Mustard
Parsley
Turnip
Blueberry
Raspberry
Peach

Trees, Shrubs & Woody Climbers

Aesculus - Yellow Buckeye
Azalea spp. - Azalea
Asimina - Common pawpaw
Buddleia - Butterfly bush
Caryopteris cvs. - Blue Spirea
Celtis occidentalis - Common Hackberry
Chaenomeles cvs. - Quince
Clethra - Summersweet
Cornus spp. - Dogwood
Cottoneaster spp. - Cotoneaster
Hibiscus - Mallow
Ligustrum spp. - Privet
Lindera benzoin - Spicebush
Liriodendron tulipifera - Tuliptree
Prunus sargentii - Sargent Cherry
Prunus serotina - Black Cherry
Rhododendron spp. - Rhododendron
Salix spp. - Willow
Sassafras albidum - Sassafras
Syringa spp. - Lilac
Viburnum spp. - Viburnum
Weigela spp. - Weigela
Wisteria spp. - Wisteria

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Beauty on the Wing

A complete habitat for butterflies includes more than pretty flowers that have the nectar most desired. They need mud, water, sun and a plant to lay the eggs that will feed the caterpillars. The list of plants in this fact sheet, probably far from complete, will attract and keep butterflies in your yard. Butterflies choose the flowers they desire by smell, not by color.

Fast Garden Butterfly Basics

Flowers, flowers, flowers. You cannot have too many from the butterflies point of view. If they have favorite colors, red would be at the top of the list.

Plant in large groups or clumps rather than individually.

Choose the sunniest spot in your garden to plant your nectar flowers.

Plant groups of similar colored flowers together.

Try to protect your beds of nectar flowers from the prevailing wind.

Make sure you have plants that will flower throughout the season.

Avoid the use of chemicals and pesticides.

Butterflies like to bask in the early morning sunshine on sun-warmed rocks, bricks or gravel paths.

Provide a muddy puddle in a sunny spot.

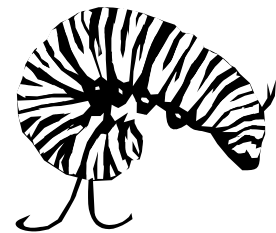
Caterpillars are hungry. Provide plenty of host/larval plants for them to eat. Make sure provide the correct plant (i.e. the ones that butterflies native to your area will lay their eggs on).

Consult your local library for books on gardening for wildlife.



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