

Attracting Butterflies

Butterflies like two kinds of flowers most, clusters of nectar filled tubular blossoms, and large flat blossoms that provide them with landing pads. Purple, red, orange and yellow attract the most species, whereas blue and white flowers are less popular. Colour preferences can vary from species to species, so you should plant the entire colour palette. Especially valuable for butterflies are early blooming flowers that are still in bloom after the first frost. Although sun loving flowers do the most good for butterflies, you should provide some woodland flowers as they tend to bloom early. A successful butterfly habitat provides food and shelter for both adults, juvenile, or larval stages. Shallow water or stones in a bird bath will provide a water source.

Perennials

<i>Acanthus</i>	<i>Eryngium</i>
<i>Achillea</i>	<i>Euphorbia</i>
<i>Aconitum</i>	<i>Eupatorium</i>
<i>Agastache</i>	<i>Flipendula</i>
<i>Alcea</i>	<i>Gaillardia</i>
<i>Allium</i>	<i>Gaura</i>
<i>Amsonia</i>	<i>Helenium</i>
<i>Aquilegia</i>	<i>Heliopsis</i>
<i>Arabis</i>	<i>Hemerocallis</i>
<i>Armeria</i>	<i>Heuchera</i>
<i>Asclepias</i>	<i>Hibiscus</i>
<i>Aster</i>	<i>Hosta</i>
<i>Astilbe</i>	<i>Hypericum</i>
<i>Astrantia</i>	<i>Iberis</i>
<i>Aubrieta</i>	<i>Iris</i>
<i>Bergenia</i>	<i>Lamium</i>
<i>Boltonia</i>	<i>Lavandula</i>
<i>Buddleia</i>	<i>Liatris</i>
<i>Calamintha</i>	<i>Ligularia</i>
<i>Campanula</i>	<i>Lonicera</i>
<i>Caryopteris</i>	<i>Lupinus</i>
<i>Catanache</i>	<i>Monarda</i>
<i>Centaurea</i>	<i>Nepeta</i>
<i>Ceratostigma</i>	<i>Oenothera</i>
<i>Chelone</i>	<i>Origanum</i>
<i>Chrysanthemum</i>	<i>Oenstemon</i>
<i>Cimicifuga</i>	<i>Phlox</i>
<i>Coreopsis</i>	<i>Physostegia</i>
<i>Delosperma</i>	<i>Platycodon</i>
<i>Delphinium</i>	<i>Polemonium</i>
<i>Dianthus</i>	<i>Primula</i>
<i>Dictamnus albus.</i>	<i>Rudbeckia</i>
<i>Echinacea</i>	<i>Salvia</i>
<i>Echinops</i>	<i>Saponaria</i>

Nursery

Amelanchier
Buddleja
Caryopteris
Ceanothus
Ceohalanthus
Cercis
Clethra
Hibiscus
Hypericum
Ilex vert.
Kolkwitzia
Malus
Philadelphus
Potentilla
Prunus
Rhus armo.
Rhododendron
Sambucus
Spiraea alba
Stewartia
Viburnum dent.
Weigela

Annuals

Ageratum
Alyssum
Carnation
Cleome
Cosmos
Gazania
Heliotrope
Impatiens
Lantana
Lobelia
Marigold
Nasturtium
Nicotiana
Petunia
Stock
Sunflower
Sweet William
Verbena
Zinnia

Host Plants

Salix
Prunus serotina
Asimina triloba
Lindera benzoin
Ptelea trifoliata
Asclepias