



Plants That Attract Butterflies

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Perennials:

Achillea, Yarrow
 Actaea (Cimicifuga),
 Baneberry
 Actinidia, Kiwi Vine
 Alcea, Hollyhock
 Allium, Ornamental
 Onion
 Aquilegia, Columbine
 Arabis, Rock Cress
 Armeria, Thrift
 Asclepias, Butterfly
 Weed
 Aster
 Baptisia, False Indigo
 Buddleia, Butterfly Bush
 Centaurea, Bachelor's
 Button
 Ceratostigma, Plumbago
 Chelone, Turtle Head
 Coreopsis, Tickseed
 Delphinium
 Dendranthema
 Dianthus, Pinks
 Digitalis, Foxglove
 Echinacea, Coneflower
 Eupatorium, Joe Pye
 Weed
 Gaillardia, Blanket
 Flower
 Geranium, Cranesbill

Helenium, Helen's
 Flower
 Heliopsis, False
 Sunflower
 Hemerocallis, Daylily
 Heuchera, Coral Bells
 Hibiscus, Rose of Sharon
 Iris
 Lavendula, Lavender
 Leucanthemum, Shasta
 Daisy
 Liatris, Gayfeather
 Ligularia, Leopard Plant
 Lillium, Lily
 Lonicera, Honeysuckle
 Lupinus, Lupine
 Lysimachia, Moneywort
 Monarda, Bee Balm
 Myosotis, Forget-me-not
 Nepeta, Catmint
 Penstemon, Beardtongue
 Perovskia, Russian Sage
 Phlox
 Physostigia, Obedient
 Plant
 Rudbeckia, Black-Eyed
 Susan
 Salvia, Meadow Sage
 Sedum, Stonecrop
 Tanacetum, Tansy
 Yucca, Adam's Needle

Shrubs:

Almond
 Azalea/Rhododendron
 Buttonbush
 Clethra
 Dogwood
 Elderberry
 Honeysuckle
 Lilac
 Mockorange
 Plum
 Potentilla
 Privet
 Sandcherry
 Serviceberry
 Spirea
 Sumac
 Viburnum
 Weigela

Annuals:

Ageratum
 Calendula
 Cleome
 Cosmos
 Dianthus
 Dianthus
 Heliotrope
 Impatiens
 Lantana
 Lobelia
 Marigold
 Nicotiana
 Pentas
 Verbena
 Zinnia

Herbs:







Chives
 Dill
 Fennel
 Mint
 Oregano
 Parsley

Trees:

Apple
 Ash
 Aspen
 Birch
 Blue Beech
 Buckeye
 Cherry
 Dogwood
 Elm
 Fringetree
 Hackberry
 Hawthorn
 Horsechestnut
 Lilac
 Linden
 Locust
 Maple
 Oak
 Plum
 Poplar
 Redbud
 Serviceberry
 Viburnum
 Willow

Creating a Butterfly Friendly Environment

Here are some ways to attract butterflies to your yard:

-  Butterflies need lots of sunshine to keep their bodies warm and moving.
-  Adult butterflies look for three specific flower structures for feeding. Daisy style flowers like coneflower and black-eyed Susans, clustered smaller flowers like butterfly weed and lilacs, and spikes of small flowers like liatris, salvia or butterfly bush.
-  Make sure to incorporate food sources not just for the adult butterflies but for their caterpillars. Butterfly/milk weed, hollyhock, and parsley are three good host plants for caterpillars.
-  Here are three ways to provide water for butterflies. Many are attracted to mud puddles, an open, sunny area with a shallow depression in the soil that is wetted regularly is perfect. Shallow saucers of water along the open edge of the garden allow butterflies easy access. Also, while you are watering your plants, let some water wet your garden path or stepping stones.
-  Be sure to place a few items in the sun garden that are good for butterfly basking. A couple well placed stones or a bench will provide an excellent surface for sun bathing butterflies.
-  Butterflies look for shelter during the night and inclement weather. Butterfly houses are a wonderful and attractive way to provide this.