



Plants That Attract Butterflies

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Perennials:

Achillea, Yarrow	Helenium, Helen's Flower
Actaea (Cimicifuga), Baneberry	Heliopsis, False Sunflower
Actinidia, Kiwi Vine	Hemerocallis, Daylily
Alcea, Hollyhock	Heuchera, Coral Bells
Allium, Ornamental Onion	Hibiscus, Rose of Sharon
Aquilegia, Columbine	Iris
Arabis, Rock Cress	Lavandula, Lavender
Armeria, Thrift	Leucanthemum, Shasta Daisy
Asclepias, Butterfly Weed	Liatris, Gayfeather
Aster	Ligularia, Leopard Plant
Baptisia, False Indigo	Lillium, Lily
Buddleia, Butterfly Bush	Lonicera, Honeysuckle
Centaurea, Bachelor's Button	Lupinus, Lupine
Ceratostigma, Plumbago	Lysimachia, Moneywort
Chelone, Turtle Head	Monarda, Bee Balm
Coreopsis, Tickseed	Myosotis, Forget-me-not
Delphinium	Nepeta, Catmint
Dendranthema	Penstemon, Beardtongue
Dianthus, Pinks	Perovskia, Russian Sage
Digitalis, Foxglove	Phlox
Echinacea, Coneflower	Physostigia, Obedient Plant
Eupatorium, Joe Pye Weed	Rudbeckia, Black-Eyed Susan
Gaillardia, Blanket Flower	Salvia, Meadow Sage
Geranium, Cranesbill	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
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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.