



HOW TO GROW A BUTTERFLY GARDEN

You can easily enjoy the graceful beauty of butterflies in your garden year after year with the proper selection of their favorite plants. All butterflies begin as caterpillars and must spend this phase of their life eating, so resist the urge to reach for insecticide. Caterpillars have very specific food needs provided by plants - known as **HOST PLANTS**. Only when the required host plants are available can they grow and weave the cocoon in which they will transform into beautiful butterflies. Adult butterflies are usually less particular in their choice of food and are attracted to a variety of brightly colored and fragrant plants - known as **NECTAR PLANTS**. Plan your butterfly garden in a warm, sunny spot protected from the wind and add a shallow container of water and a few large, flat stones for the butterflies to rest and warm themselves on.

NECTAR PLANTS

(to attract butterflies)

FLOWERS:

Aster
Butterfly Weed
Centranthus
Coneflowers
Coreopsis
Cosmos
Daisies
Gaillardia
Joe-Pye
Weed Lantana
Liatris
Monarda
Pentas
Petunias
Phlox Pineapple Sage
Primrose
Rudbeckia
Sedum Autumn Joy Sweet William
Verbena
Veronica
Zinnia

SHRUBS:

Butterfly Bush
Clethra
Glossy Abelia
Ligustrum Lilac
Mock Orange
Weigela

HOST PLANTS

(caterpillar food)

FLOWERS:

Baptisia Australis
Broccoli
Butterfly Weed
Cleome
Clover
Dill
Everlasting
Fennel
Glove Thistle
Hollyhock
Mallow
Milkweed
Mints
Parsley
Rue
Snapdragons
Stinging Nettle
Violets

SHRUBS:

Anise
Spicebush

TREES:

Black Locust
*Black Willow
Elm
*Hackberry
*Sassafras
Tulip Poplar Tree
*Wild Cherry

**Denotes native plants frequently found existing in this area.
Plants are not in stock at all times. Selection and product vary by location.*

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