

Plants for Butterfly Gardens

Butterfly gardens should include: Host plants for the larvae, nectar plants for the adults, Water, shelter from predators and weather, and An open area where they can sun.

Perennials

Aster (*Aster spp.*)
Bee-balm (*Monarda didyma*)
Black-eyed Susan (*Rudbeckia spp.*)
Bugleweed (*Ajuga reptans*)
Coneflower (*Echinacea purpurea*)
Coreopsis (*Coreopsis spp.*)
Daisy, Shasta (*Leucanthemum*)
Daylily (*Hemerocallis spp.*)
False Indigo (*Baptisia australis*)
Gayfeather (*Liatris spp.*)
Goldenrod (*Solidago spp.*)
Hibiscus (*Hibiscus spp.*)
Joe-pye Weed (*Eupatorium fistulosum*)
Phlox (*Phlox paniculata*)

Sage (*Salvia spp.*)
Sedum (*Sedum spp.*)
Yarrow (*Achillea spp.*)

Trees & Shrubs

Buckeye (*Aesculus parviflora; A. pavia*)
Butterfly Bush (*Buddleia davidii*)
Hawthorn (*Crataegus spp.*)
Mockorange (*Philadelphus spp.*)
Plum (*Prunus spp.*)
Redbud (*Cercis*)
Rose of Sharon (*Hibiscus syriacus*)
Spirea (*Spiraea spp.*)
Summersweet (*Clethra alnifolia*)
Viburnum (*Viburnum spp.*)

Suggested Larval Food Plants (for specific types of adult butterfly)

Asters (*Aster spp.*): Pearly Crescentspot
Cherry Laurel (*Prunus spp.*): Tiger Swallowtail
Clovers (*Trifolium spp.*): Sulphurs, Gray Hairstreak
Dogwoods (*Cornus spp.*): Spring azure
Elm (*Ulmus spp.*), Willows: Mourning Cloak,
Viceroy
Hackberries (*Celtis spp.*): Hackberry Butterfly
Mildweed (*Asclepias spp.*): Monarch
Mustard family: Cabbage & Checkered Whites

Native Grasses: Various Skippers
Oaks (*Quercus spp.*): Banded Hairstreak
Paw Paw (*Asimina spp.*): Zebra Swallowtail
Sassafras (*Sassafras occidentalis*): Palamedes Swallowtail
Spicebush (*Lindera benzoin*): Spicebush Swallowtail
Tulip Tree (*Liriodendron tulipifera*): Red-Spotted Purple