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HOME GROWN FACTS

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BASIC BUTTERFLY GARDEN FROM APRIL THROUGH AUGUST

Taken from Audubon Society Handbook for Butterfly Watchers

Sweet William	Phlox
Zinnias	Aster
Marigolds	

Additional Plants for Butterfly Gardens

Butterfly Weed	Pincushion Flower
Larkspur	Verbena
Lantana	Sweet Alyssum
Tithonia	

Plants in Other Demonstration Beds that Attract Butterflies

Parsley	Sunflower
Rosemary	Borage
Dill	Daylily
Mint	Bee Balm
Coneflower	Nicotiana
Black-eyed Susan	Yarrow
Lavender	Thyme
Cardinal Flower	

Wild Plants in the Environment that Attract Butterflies

Queen Anne's Lace	Daisy
Milkweed	Teasel
Dogbane	Joe Pye Weed
Dandelion	Goldenrod
Thistle	Loosestrife

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Plant	Color	Height	Butterfly Larva Species
Clover Family	Multicolor	2 - 18 inches	Blues, Sulphurs
Dock	Green	12 - 72 inches	Coppers
Elm	N/A	Tree	Mourning Cloak, Question Mark
Grasses	N/A	2 - 24 inches	Fiery Skipper, Grass Nymphs, Satyrs
Hackberry	N/A	Tree	Hackberry, Tawny Emperor, Snout
Hawthorn	N/A	Tree	Gray Hairstreak, Banded Purple
Mallow Family	White, Lavender	6 - 36 inches	West Coast Lady, Common Hairstreak, Checkered Skipper
Milkweed	Lavender, Pink	24 - 48 inches	Monarch
Mustard Family	Yellow	6 - 36 inches	Whites
Nettle	Green	24 - 48 inches	Tortoise Shell, Painted Lady, Question Mark, Red Admiral, Hop Merchant (or Comma)
Parsley Family	White, Yellow	6 - 36 inches	Black Swallowtail, Anise Swallowtail
Plantain	White, Green	3 - 8 inches	Buckeye
Poplar	N/A	Tree	Mourning Cloak, White Admiral, Viceroy, Banded and Red-Spotted Purple, Western Tiger Swallowtail
Senna (Cassia)	Yellow	12 - 48 inches	Cloudless Sulphur, Sleepy Orange
Sorrel	Reddish Green	4 - 15 inches	American Copper
Spicebush	Yellow	Shrub	Spicebush Swallowtail
Thistle	Purple	24 - 60 inches	Painted Lady
Turtlehead	White, Pink	12 - 48 inches	Baltimore
Violet	Purple	2 - 6 inches	Fritillary
Wild Cherry	N/A	Tree	Eastern Tiger Swallowtail, Coral Hairstreak, Red-Spotted Purple
Willow	N/A	Tree	Comma, Tortoise Shell, Viceroy, Red-Spotted Purple, White Admiral, Sylvan Hairstreak

Shrubs

Plant	Color	Height	Bloom Period
Azalea	Variable	Shrub	Spring
Buddleia	Blue, Pink, White	Shrub	Midsummer - Fall
Lilac	Lavender, White, Pink	Shrub	Spring
Privets	White	Shrub	Spring
Sumac	White	Shrub	Spring
Vaccinium Spp.	White, Pink	Low Shrubs	Spring - Early Summer
Viburnums	White	Shrubs	Spring

Cultivated Annual Flowers

Plant	Color	Height	Bloom Period
Alyssum	Violet, White	4 inches	Summer - Fall
Candytuft	White, Pink	8 - 10 inches	Spring - Summer
Cosmos	White, Lilac, Red, Yellow	1 - 10 feet	Late Summer
Gaillardia	Multicolor	24 inches	Summer - Fall
Impatiens	Multicolor	6 - 18 inches	Summer - Fall
Marigold	Yellow, Orange	6 - 24 inches	Summer - Fall
Mignonette	Red	12 - 18 inches	Summer - Fall
Scabiosa	Blue, Rose, White	18 - 36 inches	Summer - Fall
Verbena	Multicolor	8 - 10 inches	Midsummer - Fall
Zinnias	Multicolor	12 - 24 inches	Summer - Fall

Cultivated Perennial Flowers

Plant	Color	Height	Bloom Period
Bee Balm	Red or White	36 inches	Summer
Butterfly Weed	Orange	12 - 36 inches	Midsummer
Daisy	Yellow, White	12 - 36 inches	Summer
Catmint (Catnip)	Lavendar	12 - 36 inches	Summer
Phlox	Pink, Lavendar, White	6 - 36 inches	Summer - Fall
Primrose	Multicolor	4 inches	Spring
Rock Cress	Purple	4 inches	Spring
Sedum	Pink	12 inches	Late Summer

Native Wildflowers

Plant	Color	Height	Bloom Period
Boneset	White	36 - 60 inches	Late Summer
Black-eyed Susan	Yellow 1	12 - 18 inches	Late Summer
Blazing Star	Purple	Up to 18 inches	Summer
Dandelion	Yellow	24 - 120 inches	Spring - Fall
Dogbane	Pink to White	Shrub	Early Summer
Goldenrod	Yellow	12 - 48 inches	Late Summer
Joe-Pye-Weed	Lavendar	36 - 60 inches	Late Summer
Milkweeds	Lavendar, Orange	24 - 48 inches	Summer
New England Aster	Purple	24 - 60 inches	Late Summer
Purple Coneflower	Purple, White	24 - 48 inches	Summer
Thistle Pink,	Purple	24 - 48 inches	Summer
Wild Bergamot	Pink, Lavendar	24 - 36 inches	Summer
Yarrow	White	12 - 36 inches	Early Summer