

## Creating a Butterfly Garden

“For caterpillars--the larva stage, you will need to choose plants which attract the adult for egg laying. Adults are choosy and specific. Don't forget, caterpillars will be chewing on foliage, so remember to plant enough for you and the caterpillars.”

### Nectar Plants That Attract Adult Butterflies

#### Annuals

Ageratum (*Ageratum houstonianum*)  
Cosmos (*Cosmos Bipinnatus*), ‘Sensation’  
Heliotrope (*Heliotropium arborescens*)  
Lantana (*Lantana camara*)  
Marigold, French marigold (*Tagetes patula*)  
Mexican sunflower (*Tithonia rotundifolia*)  
Nicotiana, flowering tobacco (*Nicotiana glauca*)  
Pentas (*Pentas lanceolata*) – subshrub  
Petunia (*Petunia x hybrid*)  
Scabiosa, pincushion flower (*Scabiosa atropurpurea*)  
Statice (*Limonium sinuatum*)  
Verbena (*Verbena x hortensis*, *V. x hybrid*)  
Zinnia (*Zinnia elegans*)

#### Perennials – Early Season

Allium (*Allium spp.*) – bulb  
Chives (*Allium schoenoprasum*)  
Forget-me-not (*Myosotis sylvatica*) – biennial, perennial

#### Perennials – Mid Season

Bee balm (*Monarda didyma*)  
Black-eyed Susan, gloriosa daisy (*Rudbeckia spp.*) – biennial, perennial  
Butterfly weed (*Asclepias tuberosa*)  
Catmint (*Nepeta mussinii*)  
Coreopsis (*Coreopsis spp.*)  
Lavender (*Lavandula angustifolia*)  
Liatris, blazing-star, gay-feather (*Liatris spp.*)  
Lily (*spp.*)  
Phlox (*Phlox sp.*)  
Purple coneflower (*Echinacea purpurea*)  
Sunflower (*Helianthus spp.*)  
Veronica (*Veronica spp.*)  
Yarrow (*Achillea filipendulia*)

#### Perennials – Late Season

Aster (*Aster spp.*)  
Butterfly Bush (*Buddleia*)  
Goldenrod (*Solidago spp.*)  
Obedient plant (*Physotegia virginiana*)  
Sedum (*Sedum spectabile*)  
Sneezeweed (*Helenium autumnale*)

### Butterfly Larval Plants

#### Butterfly

Black Swallowtail  
Tiger Swallowtail  
Monarch Butterfly  
Great Spangled Fritillary  
Buckeye  
Morning Cloak  
Viceroy  
Red-Spotted Purple  
Hackberry Butterfly

#### Larval Food

Carrots, parsley, dill  
Wild cherry, birch, poplar, ash, apple trees, tulip tree  
Milkweeds, butterfly weed  
Violets  
Snapdragon  
Willows, elms  
Pussy willow, plums, cherries  
Willows, poplars  
Hackberry