



butterfly garden

Butterflies add beauty and color to your garden. Observing their diversity can be an enjoyable and rewarding experience. By growing the specific plants that butterflies like, it is easy to attract these fascinating insects to your garden. Butterfly plants go beyond those used to provide nectar. They include plants used for laying eggs, food for the larvae and pupating. A variety of plants with different blooming periods will assure a good food source throughout the growing season. They prefer a Daisy-type flower where they can sit and feed from several florets at a time. This gives them a chance to rest as flying uses up a lot of energy. A water source is also important in attracting butterflies to your garden. Butterflies are attracted to mud puddles to fulfill their need for salt and nutrients, a behavior called “puddling”.

Designing a butterfly garden is easy since many of the flowers they prefer are also the ones people commonly choose to plant in their gardens. Choose an open, sunny site where the garden will be visible from a frequently used area of the house, be it indoors or out. Butterflies thrive on the sun's warmth and need the open space to fly about. Keep a book on butterflies, a note book and some binoculars close by if you wish to recognize and record what you observe.



PERENNIALS

Spring Blooming

Ajuga ✨
Armeria ✨
Bleeding Heart ✨
Candytuft ✨
Columbine ✨
Dianthus ✨
Geum ✨
Goat's Beard ✨
Iceplant ✨
Iris ✨
Jacob's Ladder ✨
Leopard's Bane ✨
Pulmonaria ✨
Viola ✨ (F)

Summer Blooming

Agastache ✨
Allium ✨
Artemisia, Silver Brocade ✨ (F)
Astilbe ✨
Baby's Breath ✨
Bachelor Button ✨
Balloon Flower ✨
Baptisia ✨
Bear's Breech ✨
Bee Balm ✨
Bellflower ✨
Betony ✨
Calamint ✨
Catmint ✨
Coneflower ✨
Coral Bells ✨
Coreopsis ✨
Crocoshmia ✨
Daisy, Shasta ✨
Daylily ✨
Delphinium ✨
Dianthus ✨
Evening Primrose ✨
Foxglove ✨
Gaillardia ✨
Gaura ✨
Geranium ✨
Grass, Little Bluestem ✨ (F)

Summer Blooming *(continued)*

Grass, Sedge ✨ (F)
Grass, Switch ✨ (F)
Hibiscus ✨ (F)
Hosta ✨
Jupiter's Beard ✨
Lavender ✨
Liatris ✨
Ligularia ✨
Lily ✨
Lupine ✨
Lychnis ✨
Milkweed ✨ (F)
Obedient Plant ✨
Penstemon ✨
Peony, Itoh ✨
Phlox, Garden ✨
Pincushion ✨
Poker Plant ✨
Rodger's Flower ✨
Salvia ✨
Spiderwort ✨
Stokes' Aster ✨
Turtlehead ✨
Veronica ✨
Yarrow ✨

Fall Blooming

Anemone, Japanese ✨
Aster ✨ (F)
Coneflower ✨
Daisy, Montauk ✨
Goldenrod ✨
Joe Pye ✨
Rudbeckia ✨
Sedum (upright) ✨
Sunflower ✨ (F)

BIENNIALS

Dianthus, Sweet William ✨
Hollyhock ✨ (F)

PERENNIAL VINES

Honeysuckle ✨
Trumpet Vine ✨
Wisteria ✨ (F)

ANNUALS

Ageratum ✦
Alyssum ✦
Argyranthemum ✦
Begonia ✦
Calibrachoa ✦
Canna ✦
Cleome ✦✦ (F)
Cosmos ✦
Cuphea ✦
Dahlia ✦✦
Dianthus ✦
Fuchsia ✦✦
Gazania ✦
Geranium ✦
Heliotrope ✦
Hibiscus ✦✦
Lantana ✦✦
Lobelia ✦
Marigold ✦
Nasturtium ✦✦ (F)
Nicotiana ✦✦
Osteospermum ✦
Pentas ✦
Petunia ✦✦
Rosemary ✦
Salvia ✦
Snapdragon ✦✦ (F)
Stock ✦
Verbena ✦✦
Viola ✦ (F)
Zinnia ✦✦

ANNUAL VINES

Morning Glory ✦
Passion Flower ✦
Thunbergia ✦

HERBS

Chives ✦
Dill ✦ (F)
Fennel ✦ (F)
Mint ✦
Oregano ✦
Parsley ✦ (F)
Sage ✦

TREES

Althea Tree ✦✦
Amelanchier ✦✦
Birch ✦
Cherry ✦✦ (F)
Crab ✦
Dogwood ✦ (F)
Heptacodium ✦
Hydrangea Tree ✦
Lilac Tree ✦✦
Magnolia ✦
Peach, Flowering ✦✦
Pear ✦
Plum ✦✦
Redbud ✦
Viburnum Tree ✦
Willow ✦ (F)
Wisteria Tree ✦✦ (F)

SHRUBS

Abelia ✦
Althea ✦✦
Aronia ✦
Azalea ✦✦
Bluebeard ✦
Butterfly Bush ✦✦
Clethra ✦✦
Cotoneaster ✦
Deutzia ✦
Dogwood ✦
Elder ✦
Honeysuckle ✦
Hydrangea ✦
Hypericum ✦
Lilac ✦
Mockorange ✦
Ninebark ✦
Plum ✦✦
Potentilla ✦
Privet ✦
Rhododendron ✦✦
Spirea ✦
Viburnum ✦
Weigela ✦

(F) = Food source for Butterflies

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hummingbird garden

Hummingbirds are one of the most popular birds people like to attract to their yards. “Hummers” seem to be elusive but can be attracted to your garden literally in droves if you provide the proper enticements. This is not difficult. There are a wide variety of perennials, annuals and other plants and devices which can provide food, shelter, nesting material and resting places. Orange-red tubular shaped flowers are a favorite, not for the color, but because they contain more nectar than others.

When constructing the garden, place plants attractively with taller plants towards the back and shorter ones in front. You can grow vines on trellises and low walls. Hummers will also visit hanging baskets and window boxes. Check the bloom time on plants you wish to purchase so that there will be nectar all season. A water source is also desirable.

Hummingbird feeders readily attract the birds and come in many shapes and sizes. Any style works as long as the birds can find it and the sugar water is fresh. All feeders and supplies can be conveniently purchased at our Garden Store in the bird supply area. Complete feeding instructions come with the equipment.

