Common Butterflies

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Monarch
Queen
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American Lady
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Pearl Crescent
Buckeye

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Gardening for Butterflies

Attracting butterflies is easy! It is just a matter of using the right plants in the garden. Select plants that butterflies use as food for their caterpillars and for nectaring adults.

Native plants are the main food source for butterflies but both natives and ornamentals are often used as nectar plants. Plant a variety of natives to ensure a wide range of butterfly species.

The loss of native vegetation—due to urban development—will greatly reduce butterfly populations. These can be saved by incorporating native plants in our urban landscapes.

**Butterfly Food Plants**

**Trees:** Willow, Hackberry, Oak, Wild Cherry, Prickly-Ash, Eve’s Necklace, and Soapberry

**Shrubs:** Sennas, Wax Myrtle, Sumacs such as Skunkbush, Smooth, Prairie Flameleaf and Evergreen

**Perennials:** Milkweeds (Green, Antelope-horn, tropical), Asters, Artemisia, Coneflowers

**Herbs:** Parsley, Dill, Fennel and Rue

**Grasses:** Little Bluestem, Indian Grass, Switch Grass

**Vines:** Snapdragon Vine, Pipevine, Milkweed Vine, Passionvine

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**Specie preferences**

**Giant Swallowtail**
Prickly-Ash/ Hercules Club, Hoptree, Rue, Citrus Family

**Eastern Black Swallowtail**
Parsley, Dill, Fennel, Rue, Queen Ann’s Lace, Wild Carrot, Rattlesnake Master

**Pipevine Swallowtail**
Pipevines: Wooly Dutchman’s pipe, Texas Dutchman’s pipe, Virginia Snake Root

**Tiger Swallowtail**
Cottonwood, Ash, Sweet Bay, Cherry, Hoptree, Plum

**Spicebush Swallowtail**
Spicebush, Sassafras

**Monarch**
Milkweeds

**Queen**
Milkweeds

**Viceroy**
Poplar, Willow, Apple

**Gulf Fritillary**
Passionvine, Maypop

**Variegated Fritillary**
Passionvine, Maypop, Violets, Pansies, Flax

**American Painted Lady**
Artemisia, Hollyhock, Thistle, Pearly Everlasting

**Painted Lady**
Thistle, Sunflower, Lamb’s Quarters, Mallow, Pearly Everlasting

**Cloudless Sulphur**
Legumes - Partridge Pea, Sennas

**Sleepy Orange**
Legumes - Partridge Pea, Sennas

**Dainty Sulphur**
Shepard’s Needle, Greenthread, Marigolds

**Cabbage White**
Mustards, Broccoli, Cabbage, Kale, Nasturtium

**Checkered White**
Mustards, Broccoli, Cabbage, Kale, Clammyweed

**Pearl Crescent**
Asters

**Phero Crescent**
Frogfruit

**Texan Crescent**
Flame Acanthus, Mexican Petunia, Snake - herb

**Georgone Checkerspot**
Sunflowers, Coneflowers, Loosestrife

**Silvery Checkerspot**
Sunflowers, Frostweed Coneflowers, Black-eyed Susan

**Buckeye**
Snapdragon Vine, Indian Paintbrush, Ruellia, Snake- herb, Plantain, Frogfruit

**Nectar Plants**