

Common Butterflies

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Giant Swallowtail



Eastern Black Swallowtail



Pipevine Swallowtail



Tiger Swallowtail



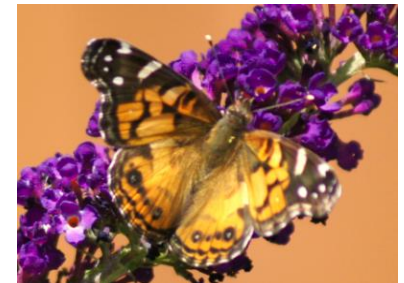
Monarch



Queen



Gulf Fritillary



American Lady



Cloudless Sulphur



Checkered White

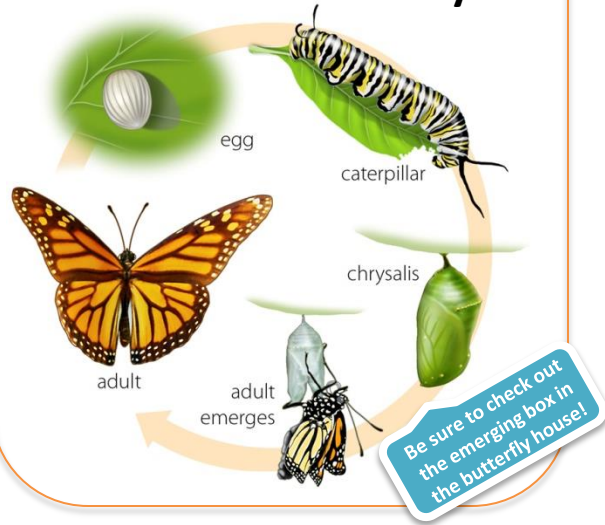


Pearl Crescent



Buckeye

Life Cycle of the Monarch Butterfly



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

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: Woolly 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, Mallows, 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

Phaon 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

Lantana, Zinnia, Daisies, Cosmos, Verbena, Frogfruit, Monarda, Mikweeds, Salvias, Cypress Vine, Butterfly Weed, Cardinal Flower, Tahoka Daisy, Dalburg Daisy, Purple Coneflower, Gregg’s Blue Mistflower, White Mistflower, Sunflowers, Liatris, Rudbeckia, Sneezeweed, Ironweed, Yarrow, Turks cap, Texas Star Hibiscus, Standing Cypress, Clammyweed, Aster, Goldenrod, Butterfly Bush, Phlox, Kidneywood, Redbud, Dalea, Penta, Cutleaf Daisy, Indian Blanket, Mountain Mint, Gomphrena, Texas Thistle, Purple Prairie Clover, Boneset, Lavender, Rosemary, Partridge Pea, Frostweed, Brown-eyed Susan, Marigold, Turk’s Cap,