

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR BUTTERFLY GARDEN

NECTAR/FRAGRANCE PLANTS:

Purple coneflower	Desert willow	Snapdragons
Phlox/summer phlox (red, white, blue)	Bird-of-Paradise	Coreopsis
Wisteria vine (blue-violet)	Caryopteris	Hibiscus
Butterfly bush* (purple, white-late bloomer)	Red hot poker	Pansy
Gloriosa daisies (rudbeckia hirta-yellow/black)	Cenizo	Tansy
Purple ageratum (annuals)	False indigo	
White sweet alyssum	Glossy abelia	
Astilbe (pink)	Flame acanthus	
Butterfly weed (orange)	Coral vine	
Daylilies	Gaillardia	
Lavender bushes	Joe-pye weed	
Impatiens (summer bloomer)	Lythrum	
Sunflowers/Mexican sunflowers (yellow, gold)	Morning glory	
Gaillardia (yellow/red)	Silver lace vine	
Chrysanthemum	Passionflower	
Bougainvillea (long bloomer - plant in pots)	Pavonia	
Cosmos (annual)	Bee balm	
Aster* (perennials)	Euryops	
Primrose	Yellow bells	
Echium (biennial)	Globe amaranth	
Zinnia	Catmint/Catnip	
Nasturtium (low growing host plant)	Anise hyssop	
Clover (low growing host plant)	Jupiter's beard	
Lantana* (long bloomer)	Plumbago	
Bush honeysuckle/honeysuckle	Scabiosa	
Dianthus (pink)	Speedwell	
Wallflower (biennial)	Torenia	
Lilac	Gayfeather	
Heliotrope	Garlic chives	
Mockorange	Yarrow	
Cornflower (summer bloomer)	Cypress vine	
Goldenrod (late bloomer)	Turk's cap	
Verbena*	Sweet autumn clematis	
Palm-leaf eupatorium or Wild ageratum*	Salvias (azurea, eucantha, elegans, farinacea, coccinea, greggi, greggi mist)	
Frostweed*		
Buttonbush*		
Showy sedium* (mainly small to medium sized butterflies)		
Pentas *		
Blackfoot daisy*		
Black-eyed Susan		

Note: * Indicates Texas Discovery Gardens Top Ten Texas Butterfly Nectar Plants

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LARVAL FOOD PLANTS:

Black dalea	Ruellia	Lettuce
White clover	Lantana	Mugwort
Lilac	Possumhaw	Queen Anne's lace
Spicebush	Aromatic sumac	Rue
Aster	Borage	Inland sea oats
Cenizo	Brown-eyed Susan	Little bluestem
Flame acanthus	Butterfly weed (milkweed)	Cleome
Texas kidneywood	Butter-and-eggs	Tansy
Yellow bells	Calendula	Willow trees
Passionflower	Blue flax	
Canna	Goldeneye	
Frogfruit	Hollyhock	

EXAMPLES OF FLOWER SHAPES THAT BUTTERFLIES PREFER:

Composites:

Daisies (*Bellis*)

Marigolds (*Tagetes*)

Shepherd's-needle (*Bidens pilosa*)

Clusters/spikes:

Butterfly bush (*Buddleia davidii*)

Umbels:

Butterfly weed (*Asclepias tuberosa*)

(an umbrella like flower cluster in which the flower stalks emerge from one central point)

Vines with flowers that spread evenly across the surface of the plant:

Honeysuckle (*Lonicera*)

Single Flowers:

Daylilies (*Hemero-callis*)

FLOWERS/SHRUBS/TREES FOR SHELTER:

Viburnum (*Viburnum*) pink, white

Honeysuckle (*Lonicera*) yellow, white

Wisteria (*Wisteria*) purple

Variety of blooming trees/shrubs:

Mock orange (*Philadelphus*)

Pride of Houston yaupon holly