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PL-1 Plants that Attract Butterflies

Butterflies require both host plants on which to lay their eggs and provide food for the caterpillars plus nectar plants which feed the butterflies. Most of these plants require a sunny location.

Other elements to include are shrubs for protection; rotting meat, fruit or tree sap or animal droppings; larval food or host plants; wet mud and puddles. This list will get you started.

Trees, Shrubs and Vines

Abelia	Maple
Apple	Mock Orange
Blueberry	Potentilla
Butterfly Bush	Privet
Caryopteris	Rhododendron
Climbing Roses	Spiraea
Currant	Sumac
Honeysuckle	Trumpet Vine
Lilac	Tulip Tree
Mahonia	Viburnum
	Willow

Annuals and Perennials

Agastache	Foxglove	Ranunculus
Allium	Gaillardia	Rock Cress
Alyssum	Goldenrod	Rudbeckia
Aster	Helenium	Russian Sage
Astilbe	Heliopsis	Sage
Baptisia	Heliotrope	Salvia
Bee Balm	Impatiens	Scabiosa
Begonia	Joe-Pye Weed	Sedum
Black-eyed Susan	Jupiter's Beard	Shasta Daisy
Borage	Lavender	Sweet Pea
Candytuft	Liatris	Sweet Violet
Catmint	Lobelia	Thistle
Catnip	Lupine	Thrift
Centaurea	Mallow	Verbena
Chives	Milkweed	Veronica
Chrysanthemum	Myosotis	Viola
Columbine	Oregano	Wallflower
Coreopsis	Parsley	Yarrow
Cosmos	Penstemon	Zinnia
Daylily	Phlox	
Delphinium	Pineapple Sage	
Dianthus	Primrose	
Dill	Purple Coneflower	

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