



NATIVE PLANT LIST - BUTTERFLY GARDEN



Common Name	Botanical Name	Larval Host/Nectar	Host For
CANOPY TREES			
Black Willow	<i>Salix nigra</i>	Larval Host	Eastern Tiger Swallowtail, Viceroy, Red-spotted Purple
Elm, American	<i>Ulmus Americana</i>	Larval Host	Question Mark
Elm, Cedar	<i>Ulmus crassifolia</i>	Larval Host	Question Mark
Cottonwood	<i>Populus deltoides</i>	Larval Host	Eastern Tiger Swallowtail, Viceroy, Red-spotted Purple, Great Purple Hairstreak
Eastern Red Cedar	<i>Juniperus virginiana</i>	Larval Host	Juniper Hairstreak
Honey-locust	<i>Gleditsia triacanthos</i>	Larval Host/Nectar	Silver-spotted Skipper
Oaks (various)	<i>Quercus</i> sp.	Larval Host	Many species of Lepidoptera
Hackberry, Sugar	<i>Celtis laevigata</i>	Larval Host	Hackberry & Tawny Emperors, Snout, Question Mark
UNDERSTORY / ORNAMENTAL TREES			
Carolina Buckthorn	<i>Rhamnus caroliniana</i>	Larval Host/Nectar	
Eve's Necklace	<i>Sophora affinis</i>	Nectar in spring	
Hercules Club	<i>Zanthoxylum clava-herculis</i> & <i>hirsutum</i>	Larval Host/Nectar	Giant Swallowtail
Kidneywood	<i>Eysenhardtia texana</i>	Larval Host/Nectar	Southern Dogface
Mexican Plum	<i>Prunus mexicana</i>	Larval Host/Nectar	Eastern Tiger Swallowtail
Redbud, Eastern	<i>Cercis canadensis</i> var <i>Canadensis</i>	Larval Host/Nectar	<i>Automeris io</i> , Io Moth
Redbud, Texas	<i>Cercis Canadensis</i> var <i>texana</i>	Larval Host/Nectar	<i>Automeris io</i> , Io Moth
Roughleaf Dogwood	<i>Cornus drummondii</i>	Larval Host/Nectar	<i>Automeris io</i> , Io Moth
Rusty Blackhaw Viburnum	<i>Viburnum rufidulum</i>	Nectar in spring	
Sumacs (various)	<i>Rhus</i> sp.	Larval Host/Nectar	



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SHRUBS			
Autumn Sage	<i>Salvia greggii</i>	Nectar	
Buttonbush	<i>Cephalanthus occidentalis</i>	Nectar	
Coralberry	<i>Symphoricarpos orbiculatus</i>	Larval Host	Snowberry Clearwing
Elderberry	<i>Sambucus Canadensis</i>	Nectar	
Elbowbush	<i>Forestiera pubescens</i>	Early Nectar	
False Indigo Bush	<i>Amorpha fruticosa</i>	Larval Host/Nectar	Silver-spotted Skipper
Flame Acanthus	<i>Anisacanthus quadrifidus</i> var. <i>wrightii</i>	Larval Host/Nectar	Common Buckeye
Fragrant White Mistflower	<i>Ageratina havanensis</i>	Nectar	
Pavonia/Rock Rose	<i>Pavonia lasiopetala</i>	Nectar	
Skeleton-leaf Goldeneye	<i>Viguiera stenoloba</i>	Nectar	
Texas Lantana	<i>Lantana urticoides</i> (<i>horrida</i>) (orange flower)	Nectar	
Turk's Cap	<i>Malvaviscus arboreus</i> var. <i>drummondii</i>	Nectar	
Wafer Ash	<i>Ptelea trifoliata</i>	Larval Host	Giant Swallowtail
GRASSES			
Big Bluestem	<i>Andropogon gerardi</i>	Larval Host	Many butterflies, especially skippers
Bushy Bluestem	<i>Andropogon glomeratus</i>	Larval Host	Many butterflies, especially skippers
Canada Wildrye	<i>Elymus canadensis</i> var. <i>Canadensis</i>	Larval Host	Many butterflies, especially skippers
Eastern Gamagrass	<i>Tripsacum dactyloides</i>	Larval Host	Many butterflies, especially skippers
Hairy Grama	<i>Bouteloua hirsuta</i>	Larval Host	Many butterflies, especially skippers
Indiangrass	<i>Sorghastrum nutans</i>	Larval Host	Many butterflies, especially skippers
Inland Seoats	<i>Chasmanthium latifolium</i>	Larval Host	Many butterflies, especially skippers
Little Bluestem	<i>Schizachyrium scoparium</i>	Larval Host	Many butterflies, especially skippers
Sideoats Grama	<i>Bouteloua curtipendula</i>	Larval Host	Many butterflies, especially skippers
Splitbeard Bluestem	<i>Andropogon ternaries</i>	Larval Host	Many butterflies, especially skippers
Switchgrass	<i>Panicum virgatum</i>	Larval Host	Many butterflies, especially skippers



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GROUNDCOVERS			
Frog Fruit	<i>Phyla nodiflora</i>	Larval Host/Nectar	Common Buckeye
Golden Groundsel	<i>Packera obovata</i>	Early Nectar	
Snakeherb	<i>Dyschoriste linearis</i>	Nectar	
Wood Violet	<i>Viola missouriensis</i>	Larval Host	Variegated Fritillary
VINES			
Carolina Jessamine	<i>Gelsemium sempervirens</i>	Early Nectar	
Coral Honeysuckle	<i>Lonicera sempervirens</i>	Larval Host/Nectar	Snowberry Clearwing
Passionflower Vine	<i>Passiflora incarnata</i>	Larval Host/Nectar	Gulf & Variegated Fritillaries
Pipevine	<i>Aristolochia tomentosa</i>	Larval Host	Pipevine Swallowtail
Snapdragon Vine	<i>Maurandya antirrhiniflora</i>	Larval Host/Nectar	Common Buckeye
White Honeysuckle Bush	<i>Lonicera alba</i>	Larval Host/Nectar	Snowberry Clearwing
PERENNIAL WILDFLOWERS			
Barbara's Buttons	<i>Marshallia caespitosa</i>	Nectar	
Bergamot	<i>Monarda fistulosa</i>	Nectar	
Berlandier's Sundrops	<i>Calylophus</i> spp.	Nectar	
Daisy, Blackfoot	<i>Melampodium leucanthum</i>	Nectar	
Daisy, Cutleaf	<i>Engelmannia peristenia</i>	Nectar	
Daisy, Four Nerve	<i>Tetaneuris scaposa</i>	Nectar	
Fragrant Phlox	<i>Phlox pilosa</i>	Nectar	
Frostweed	<i>Verbesina virginica</i>	Nectar - Fall Migration	
Gayfeather	<i>Liatris mucronata</i>	Nectar - Fall Migration	
Goldenrod	<i>Solidago canadensis</i>	Nectar - Fall Migration	
Jimsonweed	<i>Datura wrightii</i>	Larval Host/Nectar	Five-spotted, Pink-Spotted, Carolina and Tomato Hawkmoths/Hornworms
Lanceleaf Coreopsis	<i>Coreopsis lanceolata</i>	Nectar	



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Mexican Hat	<i>Ratibida columnaris</i>	Nectar	
Mistflower, Blue	<i>Conoclinium (Eupatorium) coelestinum</i>	Nectar	
Mistflower, Gregg's	<i>Conoclinium (Eupatorium) greggii</i>	Nectar	
Mistflower, White Boneset	<i>Conoclinium (Eupatorium) serotinum</i>	Nectar	
Primrose, Missouri	<i>Oenothera macrocarpa</i>	Larval Host/Nectar	White-lined & Banded Sphinx
Primrose, Pink Evening	<i>Oenothera speciosa</i>	Larval Host/Nectar	White-lined & Banded Sphinx
Purple/Fall Aster	<i>Aster</i> spp.	Larval Host/Nectar	Pearl Crescent
Purple Coneflower	<i>Echinacea purpurea, angustifolia & pallida</i>	Nectar	
Skullcap, Wright's	<i>Scutellaria Wrightii</i>	Nectar	
Sage, Mealy Blue	<i>Salvia farinacea</i>	Nectar	
Sage, Sky Blue	<i>Salvia azurea</i>	Nectar	
Sage, Tropical	<i>Salvia coccinea</i>	Nectar	
Spider Lily	<i>Hymenocallis caroliniana</i> or <i>liriosme</i>	Nectar	
Sunflower, Bush	<i>Simsia calva</i>		
Sunflower, Maximillian	<i>Helianthus maximiliani</i>	Nectar - Fall Migration	
Sunflower, Rough	<i>Helianthus hirsutus</i>		
Verbena, Prairie	<i>Verbena bipinnatifida</i> var. <i>bipinnatifida</i>	Nectar	
Vervain, Texas	<i>Verbena halei</i>		
Winecup	<i>Callirhoe involucrata & digitata</i>	Larval Host	
Zexmenia	<i>Zexmenia hispida</i>	Larval Host/Nectar	Bordered Patch



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MILKWEED			
Antelope Horns	<i>Asclepias asperula</i>	Larval Host/Nectar	Monarch & Queen
Butterfly	<i>Asclepias tuberosa</i>	Larval Host/Nectar	Monarch & Queen
Green Antelopehorns	<i>Asclepias viridis</i>	Larval Host/Nectar	Monarch & Queen
Wand	<i>Asclepias viridiflora</i>	Larval Host/Nectar	Monarch & Queen
Whorled	<i>Asclepias verticillata</i>	Larval Host/Nectar	Monarch & Queen
Swamp or Pink	<i>Asclepias incarnate</i>	Larval Host/Nectar	Monarch & Queen
Hierba de Zizotes	<i>Asclepias oenotheroides</i>	Larval Host/Nectar	Monarch & Queen
Slim	<i>Asclepias linearis</i>	Nectar	
ANNUAL WILDFLOWERS			
American Basketflower	<i>Centaurea americana</i>	Nectar	
Black Eyed Susan	<i>Rudbeckia hirta</i>	Nectar	
Blue Curls	<i>Phacelia congesta</i>	Nectar	
Cowpen Daisy	<i>Verbesina encelioides</i>	Nectar - Fall Migration	
Clasping-leaf Coneflower	<i>Dracopsis(Rudbeckia) amplexicaulis</i>	Nectar	
Drummonds Skullcap	<i>Scutellaria drummondii</i>	Nectar	
Greenthread	<i>Thelesperma filifolium</i>	Nectar	
Indian Blanket	<i>Gaillardia pulchella</i> var. <i>pulchella</i>	Nectar	
Indian Paintbrush	<i>Castilleja indivisa</i>	Nectar	
Marsh Fleabane	<i>Pluchea camphorata</i> or <i>odorata</i>	Nectar	
Partridge Pea	<i>Chamaecrista fasciculata</i>	Larval Host	Sulphurs
Philadelphia Fleabane	<i>Erigeron philadelphicus</i>	Nectar	
Phlox, Drummond	<i>Phlox drummondii</i>	Nectar	
Plains Coreopsis	<i>Coreopsis tinctoria</i>	Nectar	
Prairie Agalinis	<i>Agalinis heterophylla</i>	Nectar	
Prairie Parsley	<i>Polytaenia nuttallii</i>	Larval Host	
Purple Eryngo	<i>Eryngium leavenworthii</i>	Nectar	



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Purple Horsemint	<i>Monarda citriodora</i>	Nectar	
Spotted Beebalm	<i>Monarda punctata</i>	Nectar	
Standing Cypress	<i>Ipomopsis rubra</i>	Nectar	
Stemless Evening Primrose	<i>Oenothera triloba</i>	Nectar	
Texas Bluebonnet	<i>Lupinus texensis</i>	Nectar	
Texas Thistle	<i>Cirsium texanum</i>	Larval Host/Nectar	Painted Lady

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