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## LANDSCAPING FOR BUTTERFLIES

### Choice Plants to Grow:

Achillea - Yarrow  
 Agastache - Hyssop  
 Alcea - Hollyhock  
 Allium  
 Alyssum  
 Anneria - Sea Pinks  
 Asclepias - Butterfly weed  
 Asters  
 Buddleia - Butterfly bush  
 Campanula - Bellflower  
 Caryopteris  
 Catanache - Cupid's Dart  
 Centranthus - Red Valerian  
 Chrysothamnus - Rabbitbrush  
 Coreopsis  
 Dianthus  
 Echinacea - Coneflower  
 Echinops - Globe thistle  
 Eriogonum - Sulfur flower  
 Erysimum - Wallflower  
 Eupatorium - Joe Pye Weed  
 Gaillardia - Blanket Flower  
 Gaura - Whirling Butterflies  
 Iberis - Candytuft  
 Lavandula - Lavender  
 Liatris - Gayflower  
 Monarda - Beebalm  
 Origanum - Oregano  
 Phlox - Tall or Creeping  
 Rudbeckia - Black eyed Susan  
 Salvia - all Sages  
 Santolina - Lavendar Cotton  
 Scabiosa - Butterfly Flower  
 Sedum  
 Solidago - Goldenrod  
 Thalictrum - Meadowrue  
 Verbena  
 Veronica - Speedwell  
 Zinnia

Adult butterflies live, on average, only six to ten days. In that time, they must mate and lay eggs. They need plants for nesting sites, but also as a food source for their larvae. As the larvae grows, it will consume plant leaves and stems. Accepting plant loss will be well worth it as you observe the full life cycle of a butterfly. Remember, **yards that are sprayed with pesticides and insecticides will kill butterflies and their larvae.** Successful butterfly gardens contain habitats for all life cycles of a butterfly.

### CREATE A BUTTERFLY HABITAT:

#### Water

A birdbath filled with flat stones that are partially above the water level offers a landing spot where the butterfly can get a drink. This can easily be achieved with drainage trays of pottery or anything that can hold water.

#### Food

Offer plants that flower from spring through fall for nutrition. nectar for butterflies. Butterflies will lay eggs on specific plants to offer food for the growing larvae.

#### Environment

Butterflies need protection from wind and be able to sun themselves to help regulate their body temperature. Gardens with trees, shrubs, ground covers and rocks offer the diverse environment needed for butterflies.

#### Winter Hibernation

Piles of leaves, dormant shrubs and perennials offers a place for butterflies to hibernate. Resist the urge to tidy up too much in fall.



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### **Other Plants for Attracting Butterflies:**

Asters	Echinacea	Phlox
Agastache	Eriogonum	Potentilla
Allium	Evening Primrose (moths)	Prickly Pear
Amorpha	Fennel	Raspberry
Apache Plume	Fireweed	Red Hot Poker
Barberry	Fleabane	Rosemary
Beauty Bush	Four O'Clocks	Roses
Bee Balm	Gayfeather	Russian Sage
Bird of Paradise	Goldenrod	Salvia
Bluebells	Gooseberry	Sea Thrift
Blue Mist Spirea	Groundsel	Sumacs
Brown Eyed Susan	Hollyhock	Sunflowers
Butterfly Bush	Honeysuckle	St. John's Wort
Butterfly Weed	Indigo Bush	Thyme
Calendula	Iris (moths)	Upright Sedums
Campanula	Jacob's Ladder	Verbena
Catmint	Joe Pye Weed	Vetch (moths)
Chamisa	Jupiter's Beard	Viburnum
Columbine	Larkspur	Yarrow
Comfrey	Lemon Balm	Yucca (moths)
Coneflower	Lilac	Zinnia
Coralberry	Lilies	
Coreopsis	Linden Tree	
Cosmos	Mint	
Crataegus	Mock Orange	
Currant	Nasturtium	
Daisy	Nicotiana	
Datura (moths)	Ninebark	
Daylily	New Mexican Sunflower	
Delphinium	Orange Mt. Daisy	
Desert Marigold	Oregano	
Dill	Penstemon	
Eastern Redbud	Perky Sue	