



Specializing in plants  
that thrive in Central Ohio

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## Garden Plants for Attracting Butterflies

*Where have those flowers and butterflies all gone*

*That science may have staked the future on?*

*He seems to say the reason why so much*

*Should come to nothing must be fairly faced.*

*~Robert Frost, "Pod of the Milkweed"*

There are two lists below-a list of plants for nectar sources and a list of larval plants; Use a combination of both for the best results in your garden!

### Butterfly Nectar Sources

Common Name	Zone	Height	Color
Ageratum	Annual	6-8"	Purple
Cosmos	Annual	3'	Pink, Whites
Heliotrope	Annual	1'	Purple
Lantana	Annual	1-3'	Red, Yellow, Blue
Lunaria, honesty	Annual	2-3'	Purple, White
Marigold, French	Annual	1'	Yellow, Orange
Mexican Sunflower	Annual	3-5'	Yellow, Orange
Nicotiana	Annual	2'	Pinks, Whites
Pentas	Annual	1.5'	Purple, Rose, White
Petunia	Annual	1'	Pink, White, Blue
Scabiosa	Annual	1.5'	Blue

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Statice	Annual	1-1.5'	Purple, Blue
Verbena	Annual	1'	Rose, Pink
Zinnia	Annual	1-2'	Pinks, Yellow, Rose

## Perennials

Common Name	Zone	Early	Mid	Late	Height	Color
Allium	Zone 3	x			2-4'	Purple
Arabis	Zone 4	x			6"	White
Aubrieta, Purple Rock Cress	Zone 4	x			3-6"	Purple
Chives	Zone 2	x			2'	Purple
Dame's Rocket	Zone 3	x			2-3.5'	Purple, Pink, White
Forget-me-not	Zone 3	x			9-24"	Blue
Bee balm	Zone 4		x		3'	Pink, Red
Black-eyed Susan	Zone 3		x		3'	Yellow
Butterfly Weed	Zone 3		x		2-3'	Orange
Catmint	Zone 4		x		1'	Blue, Purple
Coreopsis	Zone 3		x		2'	Yellow
Daisy, Shasta	Zone 4		x		2-3'	White
Daylily	Zone 2		x		2-3'	Yellow, Orange, Peach, Pink
Erigeron, fleabane	Zone 2		x		1-3'	Lavender-blue

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Gaillardia, Blanket Flower	Zone 2	x	1-3'	Yellow and Red
Lavender	Zone 5	x	1-3'	Purple
Liatris, gay-feather	Zone 2	x	2-4'	Mauve
Lily	Zone 3	x	2-5'	Yellow, Pink, White, Red
Loosestrife	Zone 3	x	3-4'	Pink
Mint	Zone 3	x	1-4'	Purple, White
Phlox	Zone 4	x	3'	Pink, White, Rose, Blue, Mauve
Purple Coneflower	Zone 3	x	2-3'	Pink, White
Red Valerian	Zone 4	x	2-3'	Deep rose
Rosemary	Zone 6	x	2-6'	Violet blue
Sunflower	Zone 3	x	3-5'	Yellow
Veronica	Zone 5	x	6-18"	Blue, Pink
Yarrow	Zone 2	x	2-3'	Yellow
Aster, Michaelmas Daisy	Zone 2	x	3-5'	Purple, ruby, pink, blue
Globe Thistle	Zone 3	x	2-4'	Purple
Obedient Plant	Zone 2	x	2.5-4'	Pink
Sedum, Showy Sedum	Zone 3	x	1-1.5'	Pink
Sneezweed	Zone 3	x	4-6'	Yellow, Orange

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## Wildflowers

Clover	Zone 3	x		4-8"	Pink, White
Dandelion	Zone 3	x		6-8"	Yellow
Hawkweed	Zone 3	x		6-12"	Yellow, Orange
Winter Cress	Zone 3	x		1-1.5'	Yellow
Butterfly Weed	Zone 3		x	1-2'	Orange
Daisy, Oxeye	Zone 3		x	1-2'	White
Dogbane	Zone 3		x	1-2'	Pink
Milkweed	Zone 3		x	3'	Pink
Mountain Mint	Zone 2		x	1-2.5'	White
Pearly everlasting	Zone 3		x	1-3'	White
Queen Anne's Lace	Zone 3		x	3-3.5'	White
Thistle	Zone 3		x	3-4'	Purple
Vetch	Zone 3		x	6'	Purple
Wild Bergamot	Zone 3		x	3-4'	Lavender
Yarrow	Zone 2		x	2'	White
Aster	Zone 3			x 4'	Purple-blue
Beggar Ticks	Zone 4			x 1-3'	Yellow
Boneset	Zone 3			x 4-5'	White
Goldenrod	Zone 3			x 3'	Yellow
Ironweed	Zone 4			x 3-7'	Purple

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Joe-Pye Weed

Zone 2

x 5-9'

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## Shrubs

Blueberry

Brown Elfin

Cherry

Red-spotted purple, Tiger Swallowtail, Spring Azure

Dogwood

Spring Azure

False Indigo

Dog face, Silver-spotted Skipper

Locust

Silver-spotted Skipper

Oak

Sister, Banded Hairstreak

Spicebush, sassafras

Spicebush Swallowtail, Tiger Swallowtail

Spirea

Spring Azure

Willow

Western Tiger Swallowtail, Western Admiral, Lorquin's Admiral, Viceroy, Mourning Cloak

## Flowers

Alfalfa

Clouded Sulphur, Alfalfa Sulphur, Eastern Tailed blue

Aster

Pearl Crescent

Clover

Clouded Sulphur, Alfalfa Sulphur, Eastern Tailed blue

Everlasting

American Painted Lady

False Nettle

Red Admiral, Question Mark, Comma, Milbert's Tortoiseshell

Hops

Question Mark, Comma

Knotweed

Purplish Copper

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Lupine	Silvery Blue, Other Blues
Mallow	West Coast Lady, Gray Hairstreak
Marigold	Dainty Sulphur
Milk Vetch	Western Tailed Blue, Other Blues
Milkweed	Monarch, Queen
Nettle	Red Admiral, Question Mark, Comma, Milbert's Tortoiseshell
Passionflower	Gulf Fritillary, Zebra
Pipevine	Pipevine Swallowtail
Plantain	Buckeye, Baltimore
Queen Anne's Lace	Black Swallowtail, Anise Swallowtail
Senna	Cloudless Sulphur
Snapdragon	Buckeye
Sneezeweed	Dainty Sulphur
Sorrel, dock	American Copper, Purplish Copper
Stonecrop, sedum	Phoebus parnassian
Sweet Fennel	Anise Swallowtail, Black Swallowtail
Thistle	Painted Lady
Turtlehead	Baltimore, Buckeye
Vetch	Alfalfa Sulphur, Eastern Tailed Blue, Western Tailed Blue, Other Blues
Violet	Great Spangled Fritillary, Meadow Fritillary, Other Fritillaries
Water Cress	Sara Orange Tip, Falcate Orange Tip, Cabbage White

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## Vegetables

Bean

Long-tailed Skipper

Cabbage, Broccoli

Cabbage White, Checkered White

Parsley

Black Swallowtail, Anise Swallowtail

## Other

Grasses, Sedges

Common Wood Nymph, Little Wood Satyr, Eyed Brown, Ringlet,  
Fiery Skipper, European Skipper