

# BUTTERFLY GARDENING

Provide the basic needs for butterflies in your garden and they will come.

## Basic Requirements

**Water** can be provided by birdbaths, ponds or fountains.

**Nectar** needed for energy, can be supplied by a variety of flowering shrubs, vines, perennials and annuals. Increasing the variety of plants in your garden can increase the variety of butterflies visiting.

**Shelter** from wind can be provided by trees, shrubs and buildings.

**Sunshine** is important for butterflies to warm and orient themselves. Locate some of your flowerbeds in full sun and fill with butterfly attracting flowers.

## Hints

**Avoid clipping** all of the flowers just after blooming. This may remove eggs. Butterflies thrive in a slightly "wild" garden.

**Limit the use of chemical insecticides.** Use an insecticidal soap if needed, and use only in the infested area.

**Containers of butterfly annuals** placed on your deck or patio will bring the creatures closer for observation.

## Plants Known to Attract Butterflies

### Perennials

Aster  
Bergamont  
Black-eyed Susan  
Butterfly Weed  
Candytuft  
Chives  
Coneflower  
Coreopsis  
Eupatorium  
Daylily  
False Dragonhead  
False Indigo  
Fennel  
Fleabane  
Gas Plant  
Goldenrod  
Hollyhock  
Lavender

Liatris  
Loosestrife  
Milkweed  
Pearly Everlasting  
Phlox  
Pin Cushion Flower  
Queen Anne's Lace  
Sage Scabiosa  
Sedum  
Snakeroot  
Yarrow

### Annuals

Alyssum  
Cardinal Climber  
Cleome  
Cosmos  
Dill  
Globe Amaranth  
Heliotrope  
Lantana  
Marigold  
Nasturtium  
Parsley  
Petunia  
Pineapple Sage  
Blue Salvia  
Snapdragon  
Strawflower  
Verbena  
Bonarensis  
Zinnia

### Shrub and Vines

Butterfly Bush  
Blue Mist Shrub  
Common Lilac  
Spicebush  
Spireas  
Vitex  
Weigelia  
Wisteria  
Witchhazel

### Vegetables

Broccoli  
Cabbage  
Cauliflower