

Butterfly Gardening with Native Nurseries

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Nectar Food Plants - to entice and nourish butterflies:

If you only have room for four, plant:

Butterfly Bush (Buddleia) - The foundation of the butterfly garden—lavender, white, pink or purple flowers all summer and fall—cut back in late February or early March for best results (blooms on new growth, prettier shrub).

Pentas - In Tallahassee, this can easily be grown as an annual, but will usually serve as a perennial if heavily mulched over winter. It is a tender perennial. It is slow to come up in spring, so I usually add one or two new ones each spring while the old ones are taking their time coming back. Pink or red are the best.

Lantana - Cold hardy perennial that disappears in winter but comes back consistently in spring—any colors and heights to choose from.

Firebush - Native to south Florida but a tender perennial here—bright orange flowers on a shrub with pretty foliage—mine have come back every year—particularly enjoyed by zebra longwings.



More Nectar Food Plants-Wildflowers, Perennials, Herbs and Annuals:

Purple Coneflower

Perennial Salvias

Red Sage

Liatris

Catmint

Coreopsis

Bottlebrush Buckeye

Homestead Verbena

Scarlet Milkweed

Narrowleaf Sunflower

Anise Hyssop

Phlox

Silphium

Mexican Sunflower (Tithonia)

Mexican Bush Sage

Pineapple Sage

Stoke's Aster

Other Asters

Mist Flower

Butterfly Weed

Verbenas

Zinnia

Goldenrod

Ironweed

Ageratina



Larval Food Plants for some of the butterflies you will likely see in your yard:

Black Swallowtail – parsley, dill, fennel, rue, native snakeroot (Eryngium)

Giant Swallowtail – rue, citrus, hoptree, Hercules' club

Pipevine Swallowtail – pipevine

Spicebush Swallowtail – redbay, sweetbay, spicebush, sassafras

Tiger Swallowtail – tulip poplar, cherry, willow

Zebra Swallowtail – pawpaw

Palamedes Swallowtail – redbay, sweetbay, sassafras

Monarch, Queen – milkweed

Gulf Fritillary, Zebra Longwing – passionvine

Variegated Fritillary – passionvine, wild violets

Common Buckeye – Agalinis, snapdragon

American Lady – cudweed

Red Admiral – false nettle

Viceroy – willows

Red-spotted Purple – willow, hawthorn, cherry

Cloudless Sulphur, Orange-barred Sulphur, Sleepy Orange, Little Yellow – Senna, Partridge Pea

Southern Dogface – Leadplant or Indigo Shrub (Amorpha)

Hackberry Emperor, Tawny Emperor, American Snout, Question Mark – Hackberry

Long-tailed Skipper – legumes, native wisteria

