



Spring Azure butterfly

# Plants to Attract Butterflies

## PERENNIALS

Host plant\*

Achillea .....	Yarrow
Agalinis* .....	False Foxglove
<b>Agastache</b> .....	<b>Anise Hyssop</b>
Alcea* .....	Hollyhock
Angelica* .....	Angelica
Antennaria* .....	Pussytoes
Artemisia* .....	Wormwood
<b>Asclepias*</b> .....	<b>Milkweed</b>
<b>Aster*</b> .....	<b>Michelmas Daisy</b>
Apiaceae* .....	Carrot family ( <i>Dill, Parsley, Carrot, Celery, Parsnip, Queen Anne's Lace, Fennel, Chervil, many other herbs</i> )
Baptisia* .....	False Indigo
Chelone* .....	Turtlehead
Cirsium and others .....	Thistle ( <i>can be invasive!</i> )
Dianthus .....	Pinks
Dipsacus .....	Teasel
<b>Echinacea</b> .....	<b>Coneflower</b>
Echinops .....	Globe Thistle
Echium .....	Bugloss
Erigeron .....	Fleabane, Horseweed
<b>Eupatorium</b> .....	<b>Joe Pye Weed, Boneset</b>
Gnaphalium* .....	Rabbit Tobacco
Helianthus .....	Jerusalem Artichoke
Heliopsis .....	False Sunflower
Hesperis .....	Dame's Rocket
Hieracium* .....	Hawkweed
Hypericum .....	St. John's-Wort
Lavandula .....	Lavender
Leucanthemum .....	Oxeye Daisy
<b>Liatris*</b> .....	<b>Gayfeather</b>
Linaria* .....	Toadflax, Butter-n-Eggs
Lupinus .....	Lupine
Malva* .....	Mallow
Medicago* .....	Alfalfa
Mentha* .....	Mint
<b>Monarda</b> .....	<b>Bee Balm, Bergamot</b>
Oreganum .....	Oregano
Perovskia.....	Russian Sage
Phlox* .....	Phlox
Plantago* .....	Plantain
Potentilla.....	Cinquefoil
Prunella.....	Self Heal
<b>Pycnanthemum</b> .....	<b>Mountain Mint</b>
Rudbeckia.....	Black-eyed Susan
Salvia .....	Sage
<b>Scabiosa</b> .....	<b>Pincushion</b>
<b>Sedum</b> .....	<b>Stonecrop</b>
Silene .....	Catchfly
<b>Solidago</b> .....	<b>Goldenrod</b>
Stokesia .....	Stokes' Aster
Trifolium* .....	Clover
Urtica* .....	Stinging Nettle
Valeriana .....	Valerian
Verbena .....	Vervain
<b>Vernonia</b> .....	<b>Ironweed</b>
Viola* .....	Violet
Yucca .....	Adam's Needle

## TIPS:

Plant both host plants and nectar plants – the wider variety the better.

Damp soil, sand or mud puddles attract butterflies seeking moisture and minerals they need to survive.

Fermenting fruit can attract butterflies.

*Never* use pesticides on your lawn or garden!

Do allow clovers and “weed” flowers to grow in your lawn.

Do leave part of your lawn unmowed and encourage meadow grasses and flowers to grow there.

**If you have limited space or don't know where to begin, plants listed in BOLD are 'must haves' for any butterfly garden!**

## ANNUALS

Antirrhinum* .....	Snapdragon
Ageratum .....	Flossflower, Mistflower
Agastache .....	Hummingbird Mint
Asclepias curassavica* .....	Tropical Milkweed
Aster .....	Bedding Aster
Cosmos .....	Cosmos
Dianthus .....	Pinks
Emilia .....	Tasseflower
Helianthus .....	Sunflower
Heliotropium .....	Heliotrope, Cherry Pie
Impatiens.....	Touch Me Not, Jewelweed
Lantana* .....	Lantana
Pentas.....	Starcluster
Phlox.....	Phlox
Salvia .....	Sage
<b>Scabiosa</b> .....	<b>Pincushion</b>
<b>Tagetes</b> .....	<b>Marigold</b>
<b>Tithonia</b> .....	<b>Mexican Sunflower</b>
<b>Verbena bonariensis</b> .....	<b>Brazilian Verbena</b>
Vinca .....	Periwinkle
Viola.....	Pansy
<b>Zinnia</b> .....	<b>Zinnia</b>

## SHRUBS / TREES

Asimina* .....	Pawpaw
<b>Buddleia</b> .....	<b>Butterfly Bush</b>
Caryopteris .....	Bluebeard
Ceanothus* .....	New Jersey Tea
Cercis* .....	Redbud
Cephalanthus.....	Buttonbush
Clethra.....	Sweet Pepperbush
Fraxinus* .....	Ash
Lindera* .....	Spicebush
Potentilla.....	Shrubby Cinquefoil
Prunus* .....	Cherry, Plum
Rhus* .....	Sumac
Rubus .....	Bramble
Salix* .....	Willow
Sassafras* .....	Sassafras
Syringa* .....	Lilac
Weigela.....	Cardinal Flower
Cornus* .....	Dogwood

## VINES

Aristolochia* .....	Dutchman's Pipe
Humulus* .....	Hops
Lonicera .....	Honeysuckle

Images courtesy of Wikipedia.



Eastern Tiger Swallowtail on Purple Coneflower (*Echinacea purpurea*)



Great Spangled Fritillary on Butterfly Weed (*Asclepias tuberosa*)



Monarch on Mexican Sunflower (*Tithonia rotundifolia*)



Spicebush Swallowtail adult and caterpillar (inset)



Clouded Sulphur on Aster flower.



Hummingbird Hawk Moth on Garden Phlox (*Phlox paniculata*).



Monarch caterpillar on milkweed