

Butterfly Gardening

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Suggested Plants (not a definitive list - notice your local butterflies)

Native Host Trees

Tulip Tree	<i>Liriodendron tulipifera</i>	Eastern Tiger Swallowtail
Black Cherry	<i>Prunus serotina</i>	Eastern Tiger Swallowtail
Hackberry	<i>Celtis occidentalis</i>	Hackberry & Tawny Emperors Mourning Cloak, Question Mark
Eastern Flowering Dogwood	<i>Cornus florida</i>	Spring Azure
Black Locust	<i>Robinia pseudoacacia</i>	Silver-spotted Skipper
Wafer Ash	<i>Ptelea trifoliata</i>	Giant Swallowtail

Native Host Shrubs

Spicebush	<i>Lindera benzoin</i>	Spicebush Swallowtail
Common Sassafras	<i>Sassafras albidum</i>	Spicebush Swallowtail
Pussy Willow	<i>Salix discolor</i>	Viceroy, Acadian Hairstreak, & Mourning Cloak
New Jersey Tea	<i>Ceanothus americanus</i>	Summer Azure

Native Host Perennials

Milkweeds	<i>asclepias, sp.</i>	Monarch
Butterfly Milkweed	<i>Asclepias tuberoso</i>	
Common Milkweed	<i>Asclepias syriaca</i>	
Swamp Milkweed	<i>Asclepias incarnate</i>	
Whorled Milkweed	<i>Asclepias verticillata</i>	
Sullivant's Milkweed	<i>Asclepias sullivantii</i>	

Green Milkweed	<i>Asclepias viridiflora</i>	
Common Blue Violet	<i>Viola sororia</i> & other species	Fritillaries
Partridge Pea	<i>Chamaecrista fasciculata</i>	Little Yellow & Cloudless Sulphurs
Pussytoes	<i>Antennaria neglecta</i> & <i>plantaginifolia</i>	American Lady
Bush Clover	<i>Lespedeza capitata</i>	Eastern-tailed Blue, Gray Hairstreak
Tick-Trefoil	<i>Desmodium canadense</i> and <i>paniculatum</i>	Eastern-tailed Blue Hoary Edge Skipper
Aster Species	<i>aster sp.</i>	Pearl Crescent
New England	<i>Symphotrichum novae-angliae</i>	
Flat-topped	<i>Aster umbellatus</i>	
Heath Asters	<i>Aster ericoides</i>	
Nettles		Red Admiral, Eastern Comma
Stinging Nettle	<i>Urtica dioica</i>	
False Nettle	<i>Boehmeria cylindrica</i>	
Golden Alexander	<i>Zizia aurea</i>	Black Swallowtail
Parsnip	<i>Pastinaca sativa</i>	Black Swallowtail
Virginia Snakeroot	<i>Aristolochia serpentaria</i>	Pipevine Swallowtail

Native Perennials for Nectar

Bergamont	<i>Monarda fistulosa</i> and <i>Monarda didyma</i>	Jul-Sept	Purple
Black-eyed Susan	<i>Rudbeckia hirta</i> .	Jun-Sept	Yellow
Blazing stars	<i>liatris sp.</i>	Aug-Sept	Purple/Pink
Dense	<i>Liatris spicata</i>	Rough	<i>Liatris aspera</i>
Common Boneset	<i>Eupatorium perfoliatum</i>	Aug-Sept	White
Dogbane	<i>apocynum sp.</i>	Jun-Sept	White

	Spreading <i>Apocynum androsaemifolium</i>	Clasping/Prairie <i>Apocynum sibiricum</i>	
Goldenrod	<i>soladago sp</i>		Aug-Sept Yellow
Ironweed	<i>Vernonia altissima</i>		Aug-Sept Red-Pink
Joe- Pye Weed	<i>Eupatotium fistulosum</i>		Aug-Sept Purple-Pink
Purple Coneflower	<i>Echinacea purpurea</i>		July-Sept Purple
Sneezeweed	<i>helenium sp</i>		Aug-Sept Yellow
Vervain	<i>verbena sp</i>		Jul-Sept Blue
Wild Strawberry	<i>Fragaria virginiana</i>		April-Jun White

Alternate Ideas to Attract Butterflies

Rotting Fruit – bananas and oranges

Damp Stones

Scat

Banana Brew

Butterfly Gardening and Field Guides

Butterfly Gardening The North American Butterfly Association Guide by Jane Hurwitz (available on line and thru NABA)

Butterflies of Indiana A Field Guide by Jeffrey E. Belth

A Swift Guide to Butterflies of North America by Jeffrey Glassberg

Butterflies of Ohio by Jaret Daniels

Field Guide to Butterflies of North America by Kenn Kaufman and Jim Brock

Native Plant Information

**Wild Ones Oak Openings Chapter* website, home page, and Facebook for information related to plant species as well plant resources.

Local Butterfly Checklist

Toledo Naturalists' Association home page - species checklist
to print or download

Ohio and National Organizations Supporting Butterflies

Ohio Lepidopterist (Ohio Leps)

NABA - North American Butterfly Association

On-line to certify your butterfly garden

Monarch Joint Venture

On-line to certify your Monarch Waystation

Butterfly Rearing

- 1) Butterfly Farming Supplies (on-line store)
- 2) Brenda's Butterfly Habitat/House

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It is located adjacent to a green house and sells plants, as well as butterfly raising supplies. Call before you go - open seasonally.

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