



ATTRACTING BUTTERFLIES & HUMMINGBIRDS

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Attracting butterflies and hummingbirds to your garden is easier than you think. Since butterflies are drawn to sunny areas, place a "sunning stone" in a windless spot so butterflies can sunbathe. Butterflies also prefer drinking from a shallow source of water. A simple mud puddle or a rock placed in your birdbath just below the water surface does the trick. As for food sources, there are two types: larval (host plants) for the caterpillars, and nectar (nectar plants) for the adult butterflies. Plant larval food sources in a sunny, out-of-view area so you don't see the munched-on plants. Since butterfly caterpillars are particular about what they eat – only milkweed or Asclepias plants - you don't have to worry about them eating your entire garden. Plant nectar food sources in a sunny, windless area. Group similar flower colors in large masses to attract butterflies. Butterflies also delight in eating bits of overripe fruit, melon or orange rinds.

Bright orange or red tubular- or trumpet-shaped flowers attract hummingbirds like a magnet. Although a hummingbird's slender, pointed bill is designed for feeding from tubular flowers, it works well on other kinds of flowers such as begonias, dianthus and zinnias. Be sure to exercise extreme caution with pesticide use if you want garden visitors!

ANNUALS				
Common Name	Botanic Name	Hummingbird Nectar Plant	Butterfly Nectar Plant	Larval Host Plant and Butterfly Attracted To
Ageratum	<i>Ageratum</i>		X	
Allium	<i>Allium</i> (bulb)		X	
Annual Phlox	<i>Phlox drummondii</i>	X	X	
Annual Stature	<i>Limonium sinuatum</i>		X	
Aster	<i>Aster</i>			Pearl Crescent
Bachelor's Buttons	<i>Centaurea cyanus</i>			Painted Lady
Begonia, Wax	<i>Begonia</i>	X		
Bidens	<i>Bidens ferulifolia</i>		X	
Canna	<i>Canna</i> (bulb)	X		
Carnation, Pinks	<i>Dianthus</i>	X	X	
Cosmos	<i>Cosmos bipinnatus</i>		X	
Dahlia	<i>Dahlia</i> (bulb)		X	
Dill	<i>Anethum graveolens</i>			Black Swallowtail
Fennel, Bronze	<i>Foeniculum vulgare</i>			Swallowtail
Flowering Maple	<i>Abutilon</i>	X	X	
Flowering Tobacco	<i>Nicotiana</i>		X	
Four-O'clocks	<i>Mirabilis jalapa</i>	X		
French Marigold	<i>Tagetes patula</i>	X	X	Dainty Sulphur
Fuchsia	<i>Fuchsia</i>	X		
Gazania	<i>Gazania</i>		X	
Geranium, Zonal	<i>Pelargonium</i>	X		
Gladiolus	<i>Gladiolus</i> (bulb)		X	
Gloriosa Daisy	<i>Rudbeckia hirta</i>		X	

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Heliotrope	<i>Heliotropium arborescens</i>		X	
Lantana	<i>Lantana camara</i>		X	
Larkspur	<i>Consolida ambigua</i>	X		
Licorice Vine	<i>Helichrysum petiolaris</i>			Swallowtail
Lily of the Nile	<i>Agapanthus</i> (tropical)	X	X	
Mexican Sunflower	<i>Tithonia rotundifolia</i>	X	X	
Nasturtium	<i>Tropaeolum majus</i>	X	X	
Pansy and Viola	<i>Viola</i>		X	
Parsley	<i>Petroselinum crispum</i>			Swallowtail
Petunia (single-flowered)	<i>Petunia</i>	X		
Mexican Sunflower	<i>Tithonia rotundifolia</i>	X	X	
Pot Marigold	<i>Calendula officinalis</i>	X		
Salvia, Red	<i>Salvia splendens</i>	X	X	
Snapdragon	<i>Antirrhinum majus</i>	X		Buckeye
Spider Flower	<i>Cleome hasslerana</i>		X	Checkered White
Starflower	<i>Pentas lanceolata</i>		X	
Sunflower	<i>Helianthus annuus</i>		X	
Sweet Alyssum	<i>Lobularia maritima</i>		X	
Verbena	<i>Verbena bonariensis</i>			Buckeye
Zinnia	<i>Zinnia elegans</i>	X		
PERENNIALS & BIENNIALS (B)				
Aster	<i>Aster</i>		X	Pearl Crescent
Bearberry	<i>Arctostaphyllum uva-ursi</i>	X		
Beard-Tongue	<i>Penstemon barbatus</i>	X		
Bee Balm	<i>Monarda didyma</i>	X	X	
Bellflower	<i>Campanula</i>	X	X	
Black-eyed-Susan	<i>Rudbeckia</i>		X	
Blanket Flower	<i>Gaillardia grandiflora</i>		X	
Bleeding-Heart	<i>Dicentra spectabilis</i>		X	
Bluebeard	<i>Caryopteris x clandonensis</i>		X	
Bouncing Bet	<i>Saponaria officinalis</i>	X		
Butterfly Weed, Milkweed	<i>Asclepias</i>		X	Monarch, Swallowtail
Butterfly-bush	<i>Buddleia</i>	X	X	
Cardinal Flower	<i>Lobelia cardinalis</i>	X		
Catmint	<i>Nepeta mussinii</i>	X	X	
Chive	<i>Allium schoenoprasum</i> (bulb)		X	
Columbine	<i>Aquilegia</i>	X	X	
Coneflower, Purple	<i>Echinacea purpurea</i>		X	
Coral Bells	<i>Heuchera sanguinea</i>	X		
Coreopsis	<i>Coreopsis</i>		X	
Crocasmia	<i>Crocasmia</i>		X	
Daisy, Shasta and Oxeye	<i>Leucanthemum</i>		X	

PERENNIALS & BIENNIALS (B)

Common Name	Botanic Name	Hummingbird Nectar Plant	Butterfly Nectar Plant	Host Plant and Butterfly Attracted To
Daylily	<i>Heemerocallis</i>	X	X	
Delphinium	<i>Delphinium</i>	X		
False Indigo	<i>Baptisia australis</i>			Dog Face, Silver-spotted Skipper
Forget-Me-Not	<i>Myosotis sylvatica</i> (B)		X	
Foxglove	<i>Digitalis</i> (B)	X		
Gayfeather	<i>Liatris</i>		X	
Globe Centaurea	<i>Centaurea</i>		X	Painted Lady
Globe Thistle	<i>Echinops ritro</i>	X	X	
Goldenrod	<i>Solidago</i>		X	
Grasses and Sedges	<i>Grasses and Sedges</i>			Northern Eyed Brown, Common Wood Nymph
Hibiscus, Swamp Mallow	<i>Hibiscus moscheutos</i>	X		Gray Hairstreak
Hollyhock	<i>Alcea rosea</i>	X		Painted Lady, Checkered Skipper
Hosta	<i>Hosta</i>	X		
Iris	<i>Iris</i>	X		
Ironweed	<i>Vernonia noveboracensis</i>		X	
Joe Pye Weed	<i>Eupatorium fistulosum</i>		X	
Lavender	<i>Lavandula angustifolia</i>		X	
Lily, Asiatic and Oriental	<i>Lilium</i> (bulb)	X	X	
Maltese Cross	<i>Lychnis chalconica</i>	X		
Meadow Rue	<i>Thalictrum aquilegifolium</i>	X	X	
Obedient Plant	<i>Physostegia virginiana</i>	X		
Oriental Poppy	<i>Papaver orientalis</i>	X		
Phlox	<i>Phlox</i>	X	X	
Pincushion Flower	<i>Scabiosa</i>	X	X	
Queen Anne's Lace	<i>Daucus carota</i> (B)			Swallowtail
Queen of the Prairie	<i>Filipendula</i>		X	
Red-Hot Poker	<i>Kniphofia uvaria</i>	X	X	
Rockcress	<i>Arabis arendsii</i>		X	
Rose Mallow	<i>Malva</i>			Painted Lady, Gray Hairstreak, Checkered Skipper
Salvia	<i>Salvia</i>	X		
Sedum	<i>Sedum spectabile</i>		X	
Sneezeweed	<i>Helenium autumnale</i>		X	Dainty Sulphur
Spearmint	<i>Mentha spicata</i>		X	
Sweet William	<i>Dianthus barbatus</i>	X		
Turtlehead	<i>Chelone</i>			Baltimore Checkerspot
Veronica	<i>Veronica</i>		X	
Violet	<i>Viola</i>			Meadow and Great Spangled Fritillary
Yarrow	<i>Achillea millefolium</i>		X	Painted Lady

TREES & SHRUBS				
Common Name	Botanic Name	Hummingbird Nectar Plant	Butterfly Nectar Plant	Host Plant and Butterfly Attracted To
Alder	<i>Alnus glutinosa</i>	X		
Apple and Crabapple	<i>Malus</i>	X		
Aspen and Poplar	<i>Populus</i>			Red-spotted Purple Admiral, Tiger Swallowtail, Viceroy
Beautybush	<i>Kolkwitzia amabilis</i>	X		
Birch	<i>Betula</i>			Mourning Cloak, Tiger Swallowtail, White Admiral
Blueberry	<i>Vaccinium</i>	X		Spring Azure
Buckeye, Red	<i>Aesculus pavia</i>	X		
Cherry and Plum	<i>Prunus</i>			Spring Azure, Tiger Swallowtail, Viceroy
Clethra, Summersweet	<i>Clethra alnifolia</i>		X	
Dogwood Trees	<i>Cornus</i>			Spring Azure
Dogwood, Redtwig	<i>Cornus alba</i>			Red-spotted Purple Admiral
Elm	<i>Ulmus</i>			Mourning Cloak, Comma, Question Mark
Hackberry	<i>Celtis occidentalis</i>			Hackberry Butterfly, Mourning Cloak, Question Mark
Hawthorn, Washington	<i>Crataegus phaenopyrum</i>	X		
Lilac	<i>Syringa</i>		X	
Mockorange	<i>Philadelphus virginialis</i>		X	
Pear	<i>Pyrus</i>		X	
Privet	<i>Ligustrum vulgare</i>		X	
Pussywillow and Willow	<i>Salix</i>			Mourning Cloak, Red-spotted Purple Admiral, White-banded Admiral, Swallowtail, Viceroy
Rhododendron	<i>Rhododendron</i>	X	X	
Rose of Sharon	<i>Hibiscus syriacus</i>		X	
Spicebush	<i>Lindera benzoin</i>	X		Spicebush Swallowtail
Spirea	<i>Spiraea</i>		X	
Spirea, Bridalwreath	<i>Spiraea vanhouttei</i>		X	Spring Azure
Sumac	<i>Rhus</i>		X	
Viburnum	<i>Viburnum</i>		X	Spring Azure
Weigela	<i>Weigela florida</i>	X		
Yucca, Adam's Needle	<i>Yucca filamentosa</i>		X	
VINES				
Clematis	<i>Clematis</i>		X	
Dutchman's Pipe	<i>Aristolochia durior</i>	X		Pipevine Swallowtail
Honeysuckle, Goldflame	<i>Lonicera x heckrotii</i>	X		
Hops Vine	<i>Humulus lupulus</i>	X		Comma
Morning Glory	<i>Ipomoea</i>	X		
Scarlet Runner Bean	<i>Phaseolus coccineus</i>	X		Gray Hairstreak
Trumpet	<i>Campsis radicans</i>	X		