



Landscape Plants that Attract Butterflies

Butterflies will visit landscapes that satisfy their fundamental needs for food and shelter. But they will be especially be found in gardens which cater to their various life cycles and subtle environmental preferences. The habitat that most attracts them has the following characteristics:



1. *Sunshine to keep them ENERGIZED!*
2. *Flowers with nectar for them to feed on.*
3. *Trees and shrubs for shelter.*
4. *Shallow water for them to drink and bath in.*
5. *Food plants for their caterpillar stage of life.*
6. *Minimal pesticide usage.*



Remember to have tolerance for caterpillars munching on plants!

Food Plants for the Caterpillar Stage

The best way to provide food for caterpillars is to leave an area of native vegetation intact in your yard. If you're not able to do this, plant some of the following to attract caterpillars to feed on:

Fall blooming Asters, Carrots, Fennel, Parsley, Milkweed, Queen Anne's Lace, Viburnum (shrub), Lilac (shrub) and Hackberry (tree)



Nectar Plants for Butterflies

Butterflies are very attracted to the flowers of these plants because of the sweet NECTAR they produce. You'll enjoy their attractive, colorful flowers too! These plants are all suitable for full sun locations in SE WI:



Shrubs: Azalea, Blackberry, Butterfly Bush and Lilac

Perennials: Asters, Bee Balm, Black Eyed Susan, Butterfly Weed, Daylilies, Blazing Star, Purple Coneflower and Stonecrop Sedum

Annuals: Cosmos, Marigold, Cleome, Zinnia, Morning Glory Vine and Passion Flower Vine