



# Butterfly Gardens

## Design Guidelines

Provide a variety of plants that feed larval and adult butterflies. Food plants need to provide for two different stages of the butterfly's life.

Emphasize massing of plants. Adult butterflies are attracted more to masses of plants rather than single flowering plants.

Provide sunny, wind-protected locations. Butterflies are cold-blooded and need sunlight to warm themselves and the protection from the wind to feed.

Provide a puddle. Butterflies require moist soil or a shallow puddle for water.

Species	Common Name	Plant Type	Use
<i>Acacia angustissima</i>	Fern Acacia	Shrub	Larval Food
<i>Acacia greggii</i>	Catclaw Acacia	Tree/Shrub	Adult Food
<i>Ageratum corymbosum</i>	Butterfly Mist	Shrub	Adult Food
<i>Aloysia gratissima</i>	Bee Bush	Shrub	Adult Food
<i>Asclepia linaria</i>	Pineleaf Milkweed	Shrub	Larval/Adult Food
<i>Buddleia davidii</i>	Butterfly Bush	Shrub	Adult Food
<i>Caecalpinia pulcherrima</i>	Red Bird of Paradise	Large Shrub	Adult Food
<i>Calliandra californica</i>	Baja Fairy Duster	Shrub	Larval Food
<i>Celtis pallida</i>	Desert Hackberry	Large Shrub	Larval Food
<i>Chrysothammus nauseous</i>	Rabbitbush	Shrub	Adult Food
<i>Dyssodia pentachaeta</i>	Golden Dyssodia	Small Perennial	Adult Food
<i>Eupatorium greggii</i>	Eupatorium	Small Shrub	Adult Food
<i>Lantana montevidensis</i>	Trailing Lantana	Groundcover	Adult Food
<i>Lycium sp.</i>	Wolfberry	Large Shrub	Adult Food
<i>Lysiloma thornberi</i>	Feather Bush	Tree/Shrub	Adult Food
<i>Passiflora foetida</i>	Passion Flower	Vine	Larval Food
<i>Salvia Spp.</i>	Salvias	Sm Shrub	Adult Food
<i>Scabiosa atropurpurea</i>	Pincushion Flower	Sm Perennial	Adult Food

### Annuals

Species	Common Name	Plant Type	Use
<i>Tagetes spp.</i>	Marigolds	Annuals	Adult Food
<i>Zinnia Spp.</i>	Zinnias	Annuals	Adult Food
<i>Helianthus annuus</i>	Common Sunflower	Annuals	Adult Food
<i>Vinca spp.</i>	Periwinkle	Annuals	Adult Food



# Hummingbird Plants

These plants are some of the most popular varieties for attracting Hummingbirds to your garden.

***Chilopsis linearis* (Desert Willow)** - This tree grows to approx 15-30 feet Tall and 15-30 feet Wide and can display pink, white, or burgundy flowers. They are deciduous and native.

***Callistemon citrinus* (Lemon Bottlebrush)** – This tree grows to approx 15 feet Tall and 10 feet Wide, it is Evergreen with red flowers and a Native to Australia. There are several species of *Callistemon* including a low growing dwarf.

***Gelsemium sempervirens* (Carolina Jessamine)** – Can grow approx 6-8 feet Tall and 6-8 feet Wide: This is an evergreen vine with yellow flowers. All parts of this vine are toxic if digested.

***Bigonia capreolata* 'Tangerine Beauty' (Trumpet Vine)** – This is a deciduous vine with large orangey-red flowers.

***Tecoma elata/stans* (Orange Bells, Yellow Bells)** – There are several *Tecoma* species available. Some species are more frost tender than others, but if frost causes dieback, they will rebound when the weather warms. This plant can be treated as a shrub, a small tree, or a vine.

***Aloe* 'Blue Elf' (Blue Elf Aloe)** – This aloe grows to approx 2 feet Tall and 3 feet Wide. This is one good example of an aloe that is loved by Hummingbirds.

***Salvia greggii* (Autumn Sage)** – This smaller shrub can be found in a wide variety of colors and only grows to approx 2-3 feet Tall and 2-3 feet Wide. There are many Hummingbird favorites among the *Salvias*.

***Eremophila maculata* (Emu Bush)** – This shrub can grow to approx 4 feet Tall and 5 feet Wide. This is a great smaller shrub with bright pink/red flowers.

***Justicia spicigera* (Mexican Honeysuckle)** – Can grow to approx 3-4 feet Tall and 3-4 feet Wide. This shrub has brilliant orange flowers that the Hummingbirds just love.

***Justicia candicans* (Hummingbird Bush)** – This *Justicia* species is also a favorite among the Hummingbirds. This shrub can grow to approx 3-5 feet Tall and 2-3 feet Wide.

***Justicia californica* (Chuparosa)** – This native *Justicia* species grows to approx 4-6 feet Tall and 4-6 feet Wide. This is a twiggy and usually leafless gray shrub with red flowers in bloom.

***Penstemon eatonii/parryi*** – These are the most common *Penstemon* species that you will find in our nursery. The *eatonii* has red flowers and the *parryi* displays bright pink flowers.

***Hesperaloe parviflora* (Red Yucca)** – This yucca grows to approx 3-4 feet Tall and 3-4 feet Wide, but send up a tall spike of red flowers when in bloom.