



PERENNIALS THAT ATTRACT BUTTERFLIES

Achillea species, Yarrow:

Species of mostly flat yellow flowers on stems that can grow from 2 to 4 feet tall; full sun; prune off spent flowers after bloom; summer bloom.

Asclepias tuberosa,

Butterfly Weed: Orange flowers on 1 to 3 foot stems; full sun; prune down to the ground in fall; late summer bloom.

Buddleia x davidii,

Butterfly Bush: A deciduous shrub perennial with deep purple lance-shaped flowers on the tip of the stem; can grow from 6 to 8 feet tall; full sun; cut back for shaping in early spring as buds begin to swell; late summer bloom.

Coreopsis verticillata

(var.), Coreopsis: Tiny star-shaped yellow flowers; will grow in a clump from 1 ½ to 2 feet tall; full sun; summer bloom; cut back spent flowers to encourage re-bloom.

Echinacea purpurea

‘Magnus’, Purple

Coneflower: Daisy-like rose pink flower on stems that grow to 3 feet tall; full sun; summer bloom; prune the flower stem back to the ground after bloom.

Liatrus spicata ‘Kobold’

Gayfeather: Purple spike flowers on 4 to 5 foot stems; full sun; late summer bloom; prune down to the ground when the leaves turn yellow.

Lythrum salicaria, Purple

Loosestrife: Purple spike flower on 2 to 6 foot stems; full sun; late summer bloom; prune back to the ground when the leaves turn yellow.

Monarda didyma,

Bee Balm: Each stem bears 1 to 2 whorls of bright red flowers with a dark center; can grow 2 to 3 feet tall; full sun; late summer bloom; prune off spent flowers to encourage re-bloom.



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Penstemon barbatus,

Beardtongue: Pendulous bell-shaped pink-to-red flowers on 2 to 3 foot stems; full sun; summer bloom.

Phlox paniculata, Garden

Phlox: Flowers vary in color from white or pale- to dark-lilac; may grow to 3 feet tall; full sun; summer bloom; prune back in autumn.

Rudbeckia fulgida,

Black-Eyed Susan: Yellow daisy with a dark brown-to-black center; grows to 2 to 3 feet tall; full sun; late summer bloom; prune flower stem back to the ground after bloom.

Salvia nemerosa (var.),

Salvia: Spike-like flowers which vary in color from violet-to-purple or white-to-pink; may grow to 2 feet tall; summer bloom; prune off spent flowers to encourage re-bloom.

Sedum spectabile (var.),

Stonecrop: Tiny star-shaped pink flowers in clusters; grows to 1 ½ feet tall; full sun; prune back in fall; late summer bloom.

Solidago species,

Goldenrod: Species of bright yellow wispy flowers; will grow to 2 feet tall; full sun; will self-seed; late summer bloom.

Verbena bonariensis,

Verbena: Round lilac-purple flowers on stiff, upright 5 to 6 foot stems; full sun; summer bloom; prune off spent flowers to encourage re-bloom.

Veronica longifolia,

Veronica: Upright 5-lobed lilac-blue flower; can grow to 4 feet tall; full sun; late summer bloom; prune off spent flowers to encourage re-bloom.

Bloom Times:

Summer = June – August

Late Summer = August – Frost

