

Common Butterfly Families You Can Attract



Swallowtails (Papilionidae)

Known for the club-like projections extending from the hind wings. Includes: Eastern Tiger, Giant, Spicebush, Eastern Black and Zebra



Milkweed Butterfly (Danaiidae)

Medium to large size. Power fliers. Eat Milkweed. Includes: Monarch, Viceroy, Fritillaries, Mourning Cloaks and Admirals.



Gossamer Wings (Lycaenidae)

Small size. Over 100 species in North America. Hold their wings closed at rest. Includes: Blues, Coppers and Hairstreaks.



Sulphurs (Pieridae)

Know for their brilliant yellow colors. Both male and female adults have three sets of walking legs. Males prone to puddling*.



Whites (Pieridae)

Most often the first to be noticed in the spring. Many assume them to be moths since they lack color. Males prone to puddling*.



True Skippers (Hesperiidae)

Small in size. Not very attractive. Contain antennae with a telltale fishhook curve to the end. Their flight resembles a stone skipping on water.

*Puddling: gathering in groups near moisture and salts.

The More You Know

Remember to provide Butterflies a place in the warm sun, where they love to relax momentarily. A perfect way to do this is to build a waterless pond in your garden. Waterless ponds make use of moist rocks, sand, salt and sunlight to create a Butterfly haven.

Choose a sunny, sheltered area and dig a shallow basin. Place a shallow container level with the soil line, or line the basin with plastic. This will prevent moisture and salt from absorbing into the soil. Fill the basin with small gravel and sand. Layer larger rocks and stones around the edges and on the sand in any design you like. Add water to moisten. Check often and keep moist, sprinkling with salt occasionally. Once complete enjoy your gathering Butterflies!



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About Butterflies

There is nothing more relaxing than sitting on your patio, deck or porch and watching Butterflies gracefully flutter around your yard. Evoking peace and calm, Butterflies bring a sense of tranquility to the garden as they pause to sip nectar or relax in a spot of warm sunshine.

If you are serious about attracting Butterflies, the number one thing to remember is never to use chemical pesticides, fertilizers, or herbicides. While these are meant to kill off unwanted pests, they are also detrimental to the very beauties you are asking to visit.



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Food & Feeders

Butterflies thrive on a diet with trace minerals and salts. Mother Nature does a wonderful job of supplying these nutrients in nectar rich plants. Manufactured nectar is specially made to include these necessary elements. Impossible to replicate at home, ensure you purchase nectar from a trusted source that takes these nutrients into consideration. RSE78210 Butterfly Nectar was formulated by a butterfly expert, and it is made to all the specs listed above.

Use a feeder that mimics real flower blossoms in colors like red and yellow that naturally attract Butterflies. Check to make sure the feeder system offers minimal nectar at any given time to reduce nectar spoilage, which increases safety and helps ensure better Butterfly health. Our SE78215 Butterfly Feeder was designed by a butterfly expert and includes wicks that mimic pad flowers that butterflies prefer. It also includes spikes for bananas or other fruit and is the number one feeder recommended by Butterfly experts.

Also consider setting out some ripe mashed bananas, chunks of watermelon, or other ripe fruit to attract fruit flies, a great source of protein and minerals for our fluttering friends.



SE78215
Nectar & Feeder Combo



SE78210
Nectar Only

Attracting with Plants

The best way to attract Butterflies is to offer plants they are naturally attracted to for food. Following are suggestions of native nectar plants you may want to consider.

- Wild Columbine
- Lance Leaf Coreopsis
- Rose Verbena
- Swamp Milkweed
- Whorled Milkweed
- New England Aster
- Button Bush
- Butterfly Weed
- Orange, Purple, Missouri, or Sweet Coneflower
- Blue Lobelia
- Cardinal Flower
- Joe Pye Weed
- and MORE

Offering host plants allows you to watch the metamorphosis of a caterpillar into an adult Butterfly. Choose your host plants wisely based on which Butterflies you prefer to attract. Use this table as a guide.

Butterfly	Host Plant
Black Swallowtail	Carrot, Dill, Fennel, Parsley
Great Spangled Fritillary	Violet
Monarch	Milkweed
Pearly Crescentspot	Aster
Pipeline Swallowtail	Pipeline (Calico Pipe, Dutchman's Pipe, Rooster Flower, Virginia Snakeroot)
Red-Spotted Purple	Wild Cherry, Willow
Spicebush Swallowtail	Sassafras, Spicebush
Viceroy	Cherry, Plum, Poplar, Willow

Do Butterflies Use Houses?

There is no scientific evidence that butterflies use houses. However, we find that people love to use them in their Butterfly garden for their whimsical character and charm.



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