

# Common Butterflies and Their Favorite Plants



BUTTERFLY	LARVAL PLANT	NECTAR PLANT
Black Swallowtail	Dutchmen's breeches, dill, parsley	Fruit tree blossoms, lantana, asters
Bordered Patch	Sunflower, ragweed	Sunflower, ragweeds, straggler daisy
Buckeye	Purple gerardia, frog-fruit, ruellia	Purple gerardia, frog-fruit, ruellia
Cloudless Giant Sulpher	Senna species, partridge pea	Lantana, turk's cap, cardinal flower
Dogface	Leadplant, clover species	Verbena, salvias
Giant Swallowtail	Lime-prickly-ash, hop tree	Lantana, milkweed, honeysuckle
Great Southern White	Pepper grass, mustard family species	Various tastes
Great Purple Hairstreak	Mistletoe, eastern cottonwood, mesquite, sycamore	Poverty weed, Mexican plum
Gulf Fritillary	Passion-flower species, passion vine	Butterfly bush, lantana, asters
Goatweed Butterfly	Silver croton, one-seed croton, woolly croton	Tree sap, fruit juice, decaying wood
Hackberry Butterfly	Hackberry species	Dung, tree sap, rotting fruit
Julia	Passion-flower, passion vine	Lantana
Long-tailed Skipper	Legumes, mustards	Legumes, mustards
Monarch	Milkweed species, milkweed vine	Lantana, frostweed, sunflowers
Painted Lady	Thistles, milfoil, mugwort	Thistles, mugwort, asters
Pipeline Swallowtail	Dutchman's pipe	Lantana, phlox, cardinal flower, thistles
Queen	Milkweed species	Milkweed species, frog-fruit
Question Mark	Nettles, hackberries, cedar elm	Mud, tree sap, milkweed, asters
Red Admiral	Nettles, pellitory	Milkweeds, asters
Snout Butterfly	Hackberry species	Dogwood, dogbane species, goldenrod
Tiger Swallowtail	Green ash, Mexican plum, eastern cottonwood	Butterfly weed, salvias, abelia, milkweeds
Variiegated Fritillary	Stiff-stem flax	Flax species
Zebra	Passion-flower, passion vine	Mist-flower, lantana, boneset, golden-eye

NOTE: Larval plants supply a place for the female butterfly to lay eggs and the resulting caterpillars (instars) to use for food and shelter. Nectar plants provide food for the butterflies. Plant both larval and nectar plants for a succession of butterflies.