

Butterfly Plants for Austin



Spring Blooming Plants: March - May



Plant Common Name	Plant Scientific Name	Source Type	Specific Butterfly
Fennel	<i>Foeniculum vulgare</i>	Caterpillar Host	Black Swallowtail
Dill	<i>Anethum graveolens</i>	Caterpillar Host	Black Swallowtail
Escarpment Black Cherry	<i>Prunus serotina var. eximia</i>	Caterpillar Host	Banded Hairstreak, Spring Azure, Eastern & Two-tailed Tiger Swallowtails, Viceroy, Red-spotted Purple
Wafer Ash	<i>Ptelea trifoliata</i>	Caterpillar Host	Eastern Tiger, Two-tailed Tiger, Giant, and Thoas Swallowtails
Dutchman's pipe	<i>Aristolochia</i>	Caterpillar Host	Pipevine and Palamedes Swallowtails
Indian Blanket Flower	<i>Gaillardia pulchella</i>	Caterpillar Host Nectar Source for all butterflies	Bordered Patch
Tropical Sage	<i>Salvia coccinea</i>	Caterpillar Host	Painted Lady
Lindheimer senna	<i>Senna lindheimeri</i>	Caterpillar Host	Orange, Yellow Angled, Mexican Yellow, Sleepy Orange, and Cloudless Sulphurs
Agarita	<i>Mahonia trifoliolata</i>	Nectar Source	All
Mexican Plum	<i>Prunus mexicana</i>	Nectar Source	All
Big Red Sage	<i>Salvia pentstemonoides</i>	Nectar Source	All
Black Dalea	<i>Dalea frutescens</i>	Nectar Source	All
Verbena 'Blue Princess' and Prairie Verbena	<i>Verbena X hybrida</i> 'Blue Princess' and <i>Glandularia bipinnatifida</i>	Nectar Source	All

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Summer through Fall Blooming Plants: June - November



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Butterfly Bush 'Black Knight' or 'Sunfold'	<i>Buddleia davidii</i>	Nectar Source	All
Flame Acanthus	<i>Anisacanthus wrightii</i>	Caterpillar Host Nectar Source	Crimson Patch All
Blue Plumbago	<i>Plumbago auriculata</i>	Nectar Source	All
Passion Flower Vine	<i>Passiflora sp.</i>	Caterpillar Host Nectar Source for all butterflies	Gulf Fritillary and Zebra Heliconian
Goldenrod	<i>Solidago altissima</i>	Nectar Source	All, especially Monarch
Milkweed	<i>Asclepias spp.</i>	Caterpillar Host Nectar Source for all butterflies	Monarch and Queen
Mexican Sunflower	<i>Tithonia rotundifolia</i>	Nectar Source	All
Pentas (red flowers)	<i>Pentas lanceolata</i>	Nectar Source	All
Coneflower	<i>Echinacea spp.</i>	Nectar Source	All
Yellow Stonecrop	<i>Sedum nuttallianum</i>	Caterpillar Host Nectar Source for all butterflies	Gray Hairstreak, Common Buckeye, Variegated Fritillary
Zinnia	<i>Zinnia spp.</i>	Nectar Source	All

Winter Blooming Plants: December - February

Plant Common Name	Plant Scientific Name	Source Type	Specific Butterfly
Rosemary	<i>Rosmarinus officinalis</i>	Nectar Source	All
Rue	<i>Ruta graveolens</i>	Nectar Source	All
White Mist Flower	<i>Eupatorium wrightii</i> (<i>Ageratina wrightii</i>)	Nectar Source	All

Definitions

Nectar Source: flowers that adult butterflies land on to get their food

Caterpillar Host: leaves eaten by butterfly caterpillars to grow

