

FLORIDA NATIVE PLANTS NURSERY & LANDSCAPING

OUR BEST PLANTS TO ATTRACT SOUTHWEST FLORIDA BUTTERFLIES

LARVEL (HOST) PLANTS

Native Trees:

Florida Red Bay (*Persea borbonia*)
Palamedes, Spicebush
Wild Lime (*Zanthoxylum fagara*)
Giant Swallowtail
Sweet Bay Magnolia (*Magnolia virginiana*)
Tiger Swallowtail
Sweet Acacia (*Acacia farnesiana*)
Ceraunus Blue
Native Tamarind (*Lysiloma latisiliquum*)
Large Orange Sulphur, Cassius Blue

Native Vines:

Corky Stem Passionvine (*Passiflora suberosa*) Zebra
Heliconia (longwing), Gulf Fritillary
Maypop Passionvine (*Passiflora incarnata*)
Gulf Fritillary, Zebra Heliconia (longwing)
White Twinevine (*Sarcostema clausum*)
Queen, Soldier

Native Wildflowers:

Twinflower (*Dyschoriste oblongifolia*)
Common Buckeye
Milkweed (*Asclepias* spp. Various)
Monarch, Queen
False Nettle (*Boehmeria cylindrical*)
Red Admiral
Partridge Pea (*Cassia fasciculata*)
Sulphurs
Frogfruit (*Phyla nodiflora*)
Phaon Crescent, White Peacock
Pencilflowers (*Stylosanthes biflora*)
Barred Yellow
Waterhyssop (*Bacopa monnieri*)
White Peacock

Native Shrubs:

Senna (aka *Cassia ligustrina*)
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NECTAR PLANTS

Native Shrubs:

Coral Bean (*Erythrina herbacea*)
Firebush (*Hamelia patens*)
Native Lantana (*Lantana involucrata*)
Wild Coffee (*Psychotria nervosa*)
Blue Porterweed (*Stachytarpheta jamaicensis*)

Native Wildflowers:

Mistflower - *Ageratum (Conoclinium coelestinum, Ageratum* spp)
Tampa Verbena (*Glandularia tampensis*)

Beach Verbena (*Glandularia maritime*)
Tropical Sage (*Salvia coccinea*)
Goldenrod (*Solidago* spp.)
Scorpion's tail (*Heliotropium angiospermum*)
Giant Ironweed (*Vernonia gigantia*)
Blazing Star (*Liatris spicata*)
Starry Rosinweed (*Silphium compositum*)

Native Vines:

Coral Honeysuckle (*Lonicera sempervirens*)
Climbing Aster (*Aster caroliniensis*)
Trumpet Creeper (*Campsis radicans*)
Wild Allamanda (*Urechites lutea*)

Non-native, Florida Friendly Nectar Plants:

Old Fashioned Red Penta (*Penta lanceolata*)
Upright Purple Porterweed (*Stachytarpheta* spp)
Caribbean firebush (*Hamelia nodosa*)
Golden dewdrop (*Duranta repens*)
Firespike (*Odontonema callistachyum*)
Pineland Lantana (*Lantana* spp sterile hybrid)
Jatropha (*Jatropha intergerrima*)
Mexican Flame Vine (*Senecio confuses*)
Yellow Buttercup (*Turnera ulminifolia*)
White Buttercup (*Turnera ulminifolia* var Alba)

Lists from Sarasota Butterfly Club plant list, Guide to Butterflies of Southwest Florida (Marc and Maria Minno), and Florida Native Plants Nursery additions.

Designing a Butterfly Garden: Encourage butterflies into your yard by growing native for nectar and caterpillars. Avoid using pesticides; they are always detrimental to butterflies.

To attract the greatest diversity of butterfly species:

- Plant both native larval host plants and adult native nectar sources for butterflies at all stages of their lives.
- Garden in full sun and partial shade.
- Select a variety of plants that bloom at different times.
- Choose plants with different heights and growth habits.
- Group plants of the same species.
- Use a mixture of flower colors, shapes, and sizes.
- Check the sunlight, water, and soil needs of each plant to determine the best location.

Alternatively, let us design, deliver and plant a butterfly garden for you. Call the nursery at 941-322-1915 for more information on getting started with Florida native plants for butterflies.

Cited resource: Florida Museum of Natural History Publication "Florida Wildflowers and Butterflies" and Guide to Butterflies of Southwest Florida