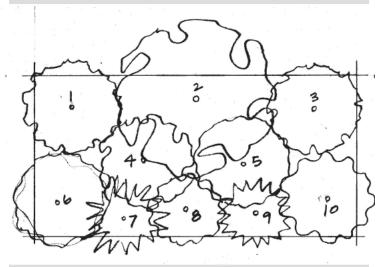
#### **BUTTERFLY GARDEN** SUN

Bed Size 10' x 5'



#### **PLANTS**

- 1. Asclepias
- 2. Buddleia
- 3. Flame Acanthus
- 4. Phlox paniculata
- 5. Salvia Greggii

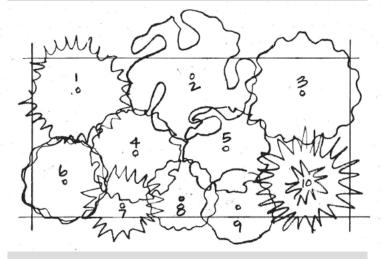
- 6. Lantana
- 7. Bronze Fennel
- 8. Scabiosa
- 9. Parsley
- 10. Rudbeckia

#### **MATERIALS**

- 1 Medium Bag Redenta's Bed Prep
- 9 Bags Compost
- 7 Bags Shredded Hardwood Mulch
- 1 Small Bag Earthworm Castings
- 1 qt Bottle Liquid Seaweed

#### **BUTTERFLY GARDEN SHADE**

Bed Size 10' x 5'



#### **PLANTS**

- 1. Lythrum
- 2. Lonicera fragrantissima
- 3. Turks Cap
- 4. Fall Aster
- 5. Caryopteris

- 6. Lobelia cardinalis
- 7. Katies Dwarf Ruellia
- 8. Salvia coccinea
- 9. Salvia lyrata
- 10. Inland Seaoats

# LARVAL FOOD PLANTS

These are the plants the female butterfly uses to deposit her eggs and hence are later eaten by the larvae. Where they lay their eggs in the early spring may be different than where they lay their eggs later in the season. And when you see the butterfly larvae a.k.a. caterpillars devouring your fennel or your dill...stop and examine them and develop an appreciation for who they are about to become.

Aromatic Sumac Hollyhock Inland Sea Oats Aster Black Dalea Lantana Blue Flax Lettuce Borage Lilac Brown-eyed Susan Little Bluestem **Butterfly Weed** Mugwort Calendula Parsley Canna Passionflower Cenizo Possumhaw Cleome Rue Dill Ruellia False Indigo Spicebush

Frogfruit Texas Kidneywood Goldeneye Yellow Bells

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#### Our butterflies

Flame Acanthus

The most common butterflies seen in this area are the black swallowtail, giant swallowtail, gray hairstreak, gulf fritillary, pearl crescent and monarch

# Put out plates of overripe fruit

Put that fruit starting to turn into shallow dishes at the open edges of a flower garden. Small amounts of honey, molasses, beer or rum will attract quite a crowd!

Herbicides or pesticides will kill your butterflies

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# **NECTAR PLANTS**

These are the plants that the adult butterflies feed on. These flowers contain nectar — basically sugar water — and this nectar is vital to the survival of the butterfly. Try to combine plants that will provide a year-round source of nectar if possible.

Abelia Maximilian Sunflower

Anise Hyssop Mexican Sunflower (Tithonia)

Asclepias currassavica Mock Orange Asclepias tuberosa Morning Glory Aster Passionflower

Bee Balm Pavonia Bird-of-Paradise Penta

Buddleia Phlox paniculata

Caryopteris Plumbago

Catmint/Catnip Purple Coneflower Cenizo Red Hot Poker

Coral Vine Salvias... Cosmos Azurea Cedar Cypress Vine Davlily Coccinea Desert Willow Elegans **Echinops** Farinacea Euryops Greggii False Indigo Leucantha Flame Acanthus Lvre-leaf Four O'Clocks Scabiosa Gaillardia Sedum

Garlic Chives Silver Lace Vine

Gayfeather Sweet Autumn Clematis

Globe Amaranth Torenia
Goldenrod Turk's Cap
Honeysuckle Verbena

Joe-Pye Weed Veronica Sunny Border Blue

Jupiter's Beard Yarrow
Lantana Yellow Bells
Lobelia cardinalis Zinnia

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# BUTTERFLY GARDENING

There is nothing more delightful than watching a butterfly skip along in a flowerbed or watching that caterpillar devouring your parsley go through its transformation. It captivates both our attention and any child who gardens with you. With a little planning you can create a butterfly garden in a single container, along a walkway or in an entire back yard.

## Plant your garden in an open sunny spot

Butterflies need the warm sun to take flight, though they appreciate a shady corner in the heat of the summer.

### Provide lots of space to sail and glide

Let them sample nectar and pollen then soar to the next spot. Provide areas that have protection from strong winds while the butterflies are feeding.

## Always have something in bloom

Butterflies like red, orange, purple, yellow and pink flowers. Plant low-growing plants in front, medium height shrubs or perennials in the middle and taller flowering shrubs and vines at the back.

#### Provide areas to bask in the sun

You can try things such as a decorative log, a stick or flat rock in an open space.

#### Provide damp areas or shallow puddles

Butterflies gather in groups at the edge of puddles or wet areas. This is called "puddling". They look to be eating, but are actually extracting salts or amino acids from the soil. Create a permanent "puddle", by burying a bucket to the rim, fill it with gravel sand and then pour in liquids such as stale beer, sweet drinks or water.



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