

Natives for Butterflies

Attracting butterflies to your garden is a rewarding way to foster a healthy population of beneficial insects. Witnessing the arrival of the graceful, multicolored beauties in your yard is evidence that by providing habitat and eliminating the use of chemical sprays, nature can restore balance to itself. Drought tolerant native plants are beneficial for species-specific native butterflies that depend on just one or a few types of plants as larval hosts.



Monarch butterfly caterpillar on *Asclepias* spp.

These are some of the native plants we grow that attract butterflies:

HOST PLANT	COMMON NAME	FLOWER COLOR	HOST	NECTAR
Annuals:				
<i>Collinsia heterophylla</i>	Chinese Houses	Violet / White	✓	
<i>Lupinus</i> species	Lupine	Blue / White	✓	
Perennials:				
<i>Achillea millefolium</i>	Yarrow	White		✓
<i>Asclepias</i> species	Milkweed	Cream	✓	✓
<i>Eriogonum</i> species	Buckwheat	White / Pink / Yellow	✓	✓
<i>Eriophyllum confertiflorum</i>	Golden Yarrow	Yellow		✓
<i>Isocoma menziesii</i>	Coast Goldenbush	Yellow		✓
<i>Lotus scoparius</i>	Deerweed	Yellow	✓	✓
<i>Mimulus aurantiacus</i>	Monkeyflower	Buff to Apricot	✓	
<i>Monardella</i> species	Coyote Mint	Lavender		✓
<i>Salvia</i> species	Sage	Purple / White / Red / Pink		✓
<i>Solidago californica</i>	Goldenrod	Yellow		✓
<i>Verbena lilacina</i>	Lilac Verbena	Lavender		✓
<i>Viguiera laciniata</i>	San Diego Sunflower	Yellow		✓
Shrubs and Trees:				
<i>Amorpha fruticosa</i>	False Indigo Bush	Royal Purple	✓	
<i>Baccharis pilularis</i>	Coyote Bush	Cream		✓
<i>Ceanothus</i> species	California Lilac	Blue	✓	✓
<i>Cleome isomeris</i>	Bladderpod	Yellow	✓	✓
<i>Lavatera assurgentiflora</i>	Tree Mallow	Lavender	✓	
<i>Platanus racemosa</i>	Western Sycamore		✓	
<i>Prunus ilicifolia</i>	Hollyleaf Cherry	White	✓	
<i>Quercus</i> species	Oak		✓	
<i>Rhamnus californica</i>	Coffeeberry	Cream	✓	✓
<i>Ribes</i> species	Currant, Gooseberry	Red / Pink / White		✓
<i>Salix</i> species	Willow		✓	✓
<i>Senna</i> species	Cassia	Yellow	✓	✓



Try our custom blended Butterfly Mix; local annual seed for local butterflies!

BUTTERFLIES

Acmon Blue:

Eriogonum fasciculatum, California Buckwheat
Lotus scoparius, Deerweed
Lupinus bicolor, Miniature Lupine

Afranius Duskywing:

Lotus scoparius, Deerweed
Lupinus bicolor, Miniature Lupine

American Lady:

Achillea millefolium, Yarrow
Artemisia californica, California Sagebrush
Artemisia douglasiana, Mugwort

Becker's White:

Cleome isomeris, Bladderpod

Blue Copper:

Eriogonum fasciculatum, California Buckwheat

Boisduval's Blue:

Lupinus bicolor, Miniature Lupine

California Dogface:

Amorpha fruticosa, False Indigobush

California Hairstreak:

Ceanothus spinosus, Greenbark Ceanothus
Ceanothus megacarpus, Big-Pod Ceanothus
Quercus agrifolia, Coast Live Oak
Prunus ilicifolia, Hollyleaf Cherry

California Sister:

Quercus agrifolia, Coast Live Oak

Checkered White:

Cleome isomeris, Bladderpod

Common Buckeye:

Mimulus guttatus, Golden Monkeyflower

Dainty Sulfur:

Lasthenia californica, California Goldenfields
Layia platyglossa, Tidy Tips

Duskywing:

Lotus scoparius, Deerweed

Edith's Checkerspot:

Mimulus aurantiacus, Sticky Monkeyflower
Mimulus guttatus, Golden Monkeyflower

Funereal Duskywing:

Lotus scoparius, Deerweed

Gabb's Checkerspot:

Lessingia filaginifolia, California Aster

Golden Hairstreak:

Quercus agrifolia, Coast Live Oak

Gorgon Copper:

Eriogonum fasciculatum, California Buckwheat

Gold-Hunter's Hairstreak:

Quercus agrifolia, Coast Live Oak

Gray Hairstreak:

Lotus scoparius, Deerweed
Lupinus bicolor, Miniature Lupine
Malacothamnus fasciculatus, Bush Mallow

Lorquin's Admiral:

Prunus ilicifolia, Hollyleaf Cherry
Salix spp., Willow
Holodiscus discolor, Ocean Spray

Marine Blue:

Lotus scoparius, Deerweed

Melissa Blue:

Lotus scoparius, Deerweed
Lupinus bicolor, Miniature Lupine

Monarch:

Asclepias spp., Milkweed

Mournful Duskywing:

Quercus agrifolia, Coast Live Oak

Mourning Cloak:

Salix spp., Willow
Populus spp., Poplar
Alnus spp., Alder

Orange Sulfur:

Amorpha fruticosa, False Indigobush
Lotus scoparius, Deerweed
Lupinus bicolor, Miniature Lupine

Painted Lady:

Achillea millefolium, Yarrow
Lupinus bicolor, Miniature Lupine
Malacothamnus fasciculatus, Bush Mallow

Pale Swallowtail:

Ceanothus spinosus, Greenbark Ceanothus
Ceanothus megacarpus, Big-Pod Ceanothus
Holodiscus discolor, Ocean Spray
Platanus racemosa, California Sycamore
Prunus ilicifolia, Hollyleaf Cherry
Rhamnus californica, California Coffeeberry
Rhamnus crocea, Red Berry
Rhamnus ilicifolia, Hollyleaf Red Berry

Propertius Duskywing:

Quercus agrifolia, Coast Live Oak

Queen:

Asclepias spp., Milkweed

Silver-Spotted Skipper:

Amorpha fruticosa, False Indigo Bush
Lotus scoparius, Deerweed

Silvery Blue:

Lotus scoparius, Deerweed
Lupinus bicolor, Miniature Lupine

Sonoran Blue:

Dudleya lanceolata, Lance-Leaved Dudleya
Dudleya multicaulis, Many-Stemmed Dudleya
Dudleya pulverulenta, Chalk Dudleya

Spring Azure:

Adenostoma fasciculatum, Chamise
Aesculus californica, California Buckeye
Ceanothus spp., California Lilac

Striated Queen:

Asclepias spp., Milkweed

Variable Checkerspot:

Heteromeles arbutifolia, Toyon
Mimulus aurantiacus, Sticky Monkeyflower
Prunus ilicifolia, Hollyleaf Cherry
Sambucus mexicana, Elderberry
Symphoricarpos mollis, Creeping Snowberry
Rosa californica, California Wild Rose

Western Green Hairstreak:

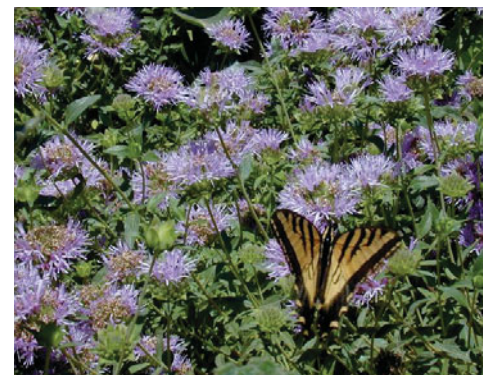
Ceanothus spinosus, Greenbark Ceanothus
Ceanothus megacarpus, Big-Pod Ceanothus
Lotus scoparius, Deerweed

Western Pygmy-Blue:

Atriplex species, Saltbush

Western Tiger Swallowtail:

Salix spp., Willow
Alnus spp., Alder
Prunus ilicifolia, Hollyleaf Cherry



Pale Swallowtail butterfly on *Monardella* spp.

Recommended Reading: [Common Butterflies of California](#), Stewart, 1997. [California Butterflies](#), Garth and Tilden, 1986.
[The Butterfly Garden](#), Tekulsky, 1985.