

BUTTERFLY GARDENING

90 kinds of butterflies have been recorded in the Ojibway area. Many can be attracted to a backyard garden if both nectar sources and larval food plants are provided.

POINTS TO REMEMBER

1. Provide a sunny site, sheltered from the wind.
2. Provide a seasonal progression of flowering plants.
3. Colourful, scented, nectar producing species are best.
4. Large hawkmoths will visit plants such as phlox, bouncing bet and tobacco flower at dusk.



Native wildflowers:

butterfly milkweed
common milkweed
dogbane
indian hemp
clovers
wild bergamot
virginia mountain mint
field thistle
tall ironweed
joe-pye-weed
new england aster
pale purple coneflower
purple coneflower
yellow coneflower

Native shrubs:

new jersey tea
buttonbush

Plantings:

butterfly bush (white flowered)
honey suckles
lilac
phlox
tobacco flower (*Nicotiana* species)

coreopsis
cosmos
french marigold
oregano
scabiosa
vervain
zinnias

Caterpillar food plants:

dill, carrots eastern black swallowtail
milkweeds monarch butterfly
violets great spangled fritillary
new england aster pearl crescent
stinging nettle milbert's tortoise shell, question mark, hop merchant and red admiral
field thistle painted lady,
white clover clouded sulphur
alfalfa alfalfa butterfly
everlastings American painted lady

willows mourning cloak, red-spotted purple, acadian hairstreak
poplars red-spotted purple, viceroy
elm mourning cloak, question mark
sassafras spicebush swallowtail
black cherry tiger swallowtail