



Garden Talk

Plants that Attract

Butterflies & Hummers

Better Plants & Better Advice

Butterflies and Hummingbirds are welcome visitors to gardens. Choose the right plants and you can encourage them to stay, entertain and amaze. Butterfly larvae, caterpillars, need plants for food, and adult butterflies need plant nectar. Sunny areas with shelter from the wind and containing amenities such as garden mulch, rock crevices, brush piles, even weeds are the most welcoming gardens to butterflies.

Hummingbirds ingest half their weight in food every day. Flowering plants provide the nectar, and tiny insects provide the protein busy hummingbirds need to keep going. Hummingbirds visit a large array of plants, but especially enjoy any plant that displays a tubular shaped flower that is brightly colored. Strategically place a feeder surrounded by these suggested plants and enjoy as more and more humming visitors attend your banquets. This plant selection is meant to be a starting point, but more choices are available seasonally.

Annual Flowers, Perennials & Grasses

- Aster
- Astilbe
- Bee Balm
- Borage
- Blanket Flower, Gaillardia
- Butterfly Weed, Asclepias
- Candytuft
- Columbine
- Cornflower, Echinacea
- Coral Bell
- Coreopsis
- Cosmos
- Cupids Dart, Catananche
- Delphinium
- Dianthus
- Fleabane, Erigeron
- Forget Me Not
- Foxglove
- Fuchsia
- Gayfeather, Liatris
- Geranium
- Gladiolus
- Globe Thistle, Echinops
- Goldenrod, Solidago
- Hollyhock

- Iris
- Junipers Beard, Centranthus
- Lobelia
- Lupine
- Marigolds
- Monkey Flower, Mimulus
- Oregano
- Penstemon
- Phlox
- Pincushion Flower, Scabiosa
- Ranunculus
- Red Hot Poker
- Rubeckia
- Sage
- Salvia
- Sea Pink Thrift, Armeria
- Sedum
- Shasta Daisy
- Snap Dragon
- Speedwell, Veronica
- Spider Flower, Cleome



Ground Covers & Vines

- Akebia
- Beans
- Clematis
- Honeysuckle
- Silver lace Vine
- Trumpet Vine

Landscape Shrubs

- Abelia
- Beauty Bush
- Blue Beard, Caryopteris
- Buckwheat
- Butterfly Bush
- Clethera
- Cotoneaster
- Gooseberry

- Honeysuckle
- Lavender
- Lilac
- Manzanita
- Mock Orange
- Oregon Grape, Mahonia
- Potentilla
- Quince
- Redbud
- Rhododendron
- Spirea
- Squawbush, Rhus
- Weigela

Trees

- Apples
- Chase Tree, Vitex
- Chitalpa
- Desert Willow
- Golden Chain Tree
- Golden Rain
- Maple
- Purple Robe Locust
- Silk Tree, Albezia



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