

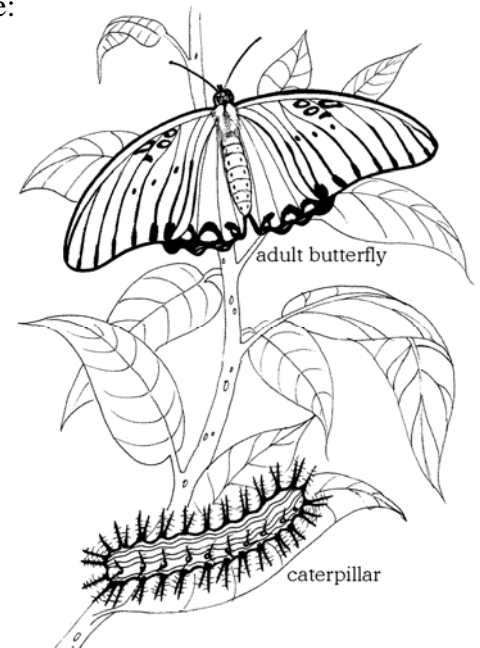


Mounts Botanical Garden Butterfly Garden

Welcome to our butterfly garden where you will commonly find a dozen or so different species of butterflies at any given time. To attract butterflies to your garden and keep them there, you must provide both larval plants for caterpillars, nectar sources for the butterflies they become, as well as nesting sites and a water source. Some favorite nectar and food sources of butterflies are mostly considered weeds by us. The “weeds” that you will see growing here just for them include: **Tassel-flower** (*Emilia* spp.), **Beggar’s Tick** (*Bidens* spp.) and **Mistflower** (*Conoclinium coelestinum*).

Good butterfly **NECTAR** plants you may see blooming in the garden include:

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| • Tropical Sage (<i>Salvia coccinea</i>) | native |
| • Firebush (<i>Hamelia patens</i>) | native |
| • Tampa Verbena (<i>Glandularia tampensis</i>) | native |
| • Pineapple Thistle (<i>Centratherum punctatum</i>) | |
| • Lantana (<i>Lantana</i> spp.) | |
| • Porterweed (<i>Stachytarpheta</i> spp.) | |
| • Penta (<i>Pentas lanceolata</i>) | |
| • Perennial Salvias (<i>Salvia</i> spp.) | |
| • Coral Honeysuckle (<i>Lonicera sempervirens</i>) | native |
| • Dune Sunflower (<i>Helianthus debilis</i>) | native |
| • Gaillardia (<i>Gaillardia pulchella</i>) | native |
| • Purple Top Verbena (<i>Verbena bonariensis</i>) | |
| • Firespike (<i>Odontonema strictum</i>) | |
| • Butterfly Bush (<i>Buddleia davidii</i>) | |
| • Mexican Petunia (<i>Ruellia brittoniana</i>) | |



Larval (caterpillar) **FOOD** sources growing here include:

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| • Pipevine (<i>Aristolochia</i> spp.) [gold rim swallowtail, pipevine swallowtail] | |
| • Corkystem Passionvine (<i>Passionvine suberosa</i>) [julias, zebra longwing, gulf fritillary] | native |
| • White-Flowered Passionvine (<i>Passionvine multiflora</i>) [julias, zebra longwing, gulf fritillary] | native |
| • Senna Species [sulphurs] | |
| • Parsley, Fennel, Rue [black swallowtail] | |
| • Cape Plumbago (<i>Plumbago auriculata</i>) [tiny cassius blue] | |
| • Coontie (<i>Zamia pumila</i>) [atala] | native |
| • Mexican Milkweed (<i>Asclepias curassavica</i>) [monarch, queen] | |

Plants are available for purchase at the **NURSERY GUILD** on **Mondays & Thursdays** from **8am-12pm**.
 Walk through the gate behind the **Vegetable Garden**.
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