

10 NATIVE PLANTS THAT CAN BE USED IN CONTAINER BUTTERFLY GARDENS

You do not need a large area to plant native plants that attract butterflies and other native insect pollinators. In fact, you can grow beautiful nectar and pollen bearing plants in some as small as a container. Here is a list of 10 native plants that can be planted in containers. These flowering plants can enhance the beauty of your yard while providing butterflies with a source of nectar, as well as pollen and nectar for honey and native bees.

Wild Bergamot (Beebalm) - *Monarda fistula* - Type of Plant - perennial; Height - 1 to 5 feet; Blooms - June to September; Soil - moist to well drained; Light - full sun to partial shade; Wildlife Use - butterflies, songbirds, hummingbirds

Spotted Beebalm (Spotted Horsemint) - *Monarda punctata* - Type of Plant - perennial; Height - <3' feet; Blooms - Middle of Summer; Soil - Sandy, well drained; Light - full sun to partial shade; Wildlife Use - native insect pollinators, hummingbirds

Blazing Star (Liatris) - *Liatris spicata* - Type of Plant - perennial; Height - 2 to 3'; Blooms - midsummer to fall; Soil - average to poor, dry soil types; Light - full sun; Wildlife Use - butterflies (a favorite of monarchs), native bees

Native Phlox (Garden Phlox) - *Phlox paniculata* - Type of Plant - perennial; Height - 3 to 6 feet; Blooms - summer - fall; Soil - moist; Light - full sun; Wildlife Use - native insect pollinators, butterflies (especially eastern tiger swallowtail butterflies), hummingbirds, songbirds

Stokes Aster (Cornflower) - *Stokesia laevis* - Type of Plant - perennial; Height - 8 to 30 inches; Blooms - summer; Soil - moist, rich, well drained acidic sands; Light - full sun to light shade; Wildlife Use - butterflies

Eastern Silver Aster - *Symphotrichum concolor* - Type of Plant - perennial; Height - 2 to 3 feet; Blooms - late summer to fall; Soil - moderate to dry soil types; Light - full sun; Wildlife Use - native insect pollinators

Black-eyed Susan - *Rudeckia hirta* - Type of Plant - biannual, often grown as an annual to short-lived perennial); Height - 1 to 3 feet; Blooms - summer; Soil - moist, organic to moderate soil types; Light - full sun; Wildlife Use - native insect pollinators, butterflies, songbirds (particularly American goldfinches)

Purple Coneflower *Echinacea purpurea* - Type of Plant - Perennial; Height - 2 to 4 feet; Blooms - summer; Soil - well-drained to moderate soil types; Light - full sun; Wildlife Use - butterflies (particularly common buckeyes), bumble and carpenter bees as well as other native insect pollinators

Blue Mistflower (Hardy Ageratum) - *Conclinium coelestrium* Type of Plant - perennial; Height - 18 to 24 inches; Blooms - late summer; Soil - fertile soil types; Light - full sun; Wildlife Use - native insect pollinators, butterflies

Annual Blanketflower - *Gallardia pulchella* - Type of Plant - perennial; Height - 1 to 3 feet; Blooms - early summer to fall; Soil - any well-drained soil; Light - full sun; Wildlife Use - butterflies and other native insect pollinators