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NATIVE PLANT STARTER KIT FOR BUTTERFLIES

We'll select from plants such as these, depending on availability. We'll include plants that support adults (nectar) as well as plants that support the larval (caterpillar) form.

The larval forms are leaf chewers, and you will see leaves being eaten.

PERENNIALS

<i>Amsonia</i> Amsonia, Dogbane	<i>Mimulus ringens</i> Monkey Flower
<i>Antennaria</i> Pussytoes	<i>Panicum virgatum</i> Switch Grass
<i>Asarum canadense</i> Ginger	<i>Penstemon</i> sp. Beardtongue
<i>Asclepias</i> Milkweed	<i>Phlox</i> sp. Phlox
<i>Aster</i> Asters	<i>Potentilla tridentata</i> Cinquefoil
<i>Chelone glabra</i> Turtlehead	<i>Prunus</i> Cherry
<i>Chelone lyonii</i> Turtlehead	<i>Pycnanthemum virginianum</i> Mountain
<i>Cimicifuga racemosa</i> Snakeroot	Mint
<i>Coreopsis</i> sp. Tickseeds	<i>Rudbeckia</i> family coneflowers
<i>Echinacea</i> coneflowers	<i>Sedum</i> Sedum
<i>Eupatorium maculatum</i> Joe Pye Weed	<i>Solidago</i> family Goldenrods
<i>Helianthus</i> Sunflower	<i>Verbena</i> Verbena
<i>Hibiscus</i> Hibiscus	<i>Vernonia noveboracensis</i> Ironweed
<i>Liatris punctata</i> Blazing star	<i>Viola</i> family Violets
<i>Lobelia cardinalis</i> Cardinal Flower	

Butterfly Gardening Tips:

Go easy on the garden clean up. Some butterflies over-winter in leaf litter and dormant stems.

Limit or eliminate pesticides.

Provide mud puddles, moist sand or soil, rotting fruit, tree sap for nectaring. Rocks that warm in the sunlight will allow butterflies to bask in the sun on cooler days.



Aster



Joe Pye Weed



Phlox



Phlox, Black Eye Susan, JoePye



Coneflower



Lobelia and Boneset



Obedient Plant



Monarda

Our starter kits include perennials. We'll be happy to suggest trees and shrubs to supplement your perennial garden. They provide important habitat for butterflies, especially some of the overwintering stages.

A note about Butterfly Bush: While Butterfly Bush (Buddleia) provides nectar for butterflies, it does not provide larval food for a single species of North American Butterfly. Butterfly Bush is known to become invasive. Even if it is not a problem in your own garden, the seed can spread far beyond your property line and become a problem for other areas. We recommend removing Buddleia plants.

Seven Reasons to Buy Native Plants at Edge of the Woods

- All plants are nursery propagated. We do not deplete natural populations by collecting from the wild.
- Our staff is highly educated and knowledgeable. We know native plants and their life cycles. We've worked with them in gardens and landscapes for many years. The nursery has accurate and informative signage and literature to help you learn about native plants.
- We focus on the roots of the plant. Leaves come and go. Strong roots are needed for good establishment.
- We offer genetically diverse crops, and local genotypes whenever possible.
- We do not use artificial growth hormones.
- We use a minimal amount of pesticides. Our plants may have leaves that have been eaten --this means they are doing their job in the ecosystem