

Butterfly Gardening with Native Plants of Georgia

It is important to provide these things to butterflies: nectar source for adults, larval food source, cover and water, mud, rotting fruit, manure or carrion for adults.

Adult Food Sources:

Butterfly weed (*Asclepias spp.*)
Purple Coneflower (*Echinacea spp.*)
Tickseed (*Coreopsis spp.*)
Phlox (*Phlox spp.*)
Blazing Star (*Liatris spp.*)
Creeping Verbena (*Verbena canadensis*)
Goldenrod (*Solidago spp.*)
Asters (*Aster spp.*)
Stokes Aster (*Stokesia laevis*)
Joe-pye Weed (*Eupatorium purpureum*)
Ironweed (*Vernonia angustifolia*)
Mistflower (*Eupatorium coelestinum*)
Virgin's Bower (*Clematis virginianum*)
Black-eyed Susans (*Rudbeckia spp.*)
Bee Balm (*Monarda spp.*)
Buttonbush (*Cephalanthus occidentalis*)
Piedmont Azalea (*Rhododendron canescens*)
Virginia Sweetspire (*Itea virginica*)
Obedient Plant (*Physostegia virginiana*)

Larval Food Sources (Host Plants):

Monarch Butterfly – Butterfly Weed/Milkweed (*Asclepias spp.*)
Gulf Fritillary – Passionflower Vine (*Passiflora spp.*)
Variegated Fritillary – Violets (*Viola spp.*), Passionflower (*Passiflora spp.*)
Spicebush Swallowtail - Sassafras (*Sassafras albidum*)
Eastern Black Swallowtail – (*Angelica spp.*)
Zebra Swallowtail – Pawpaw tree (*Asimina triloba*)
Pipevine Swallowtail – Pipevines (*Aristolochia spp.*)
Tiger Swallowtail – Tulip Poplar, Cottonwood Trees
Pearl Crescent – Asters (*Aster spp.*)
Painted Lady – Thistles (*Cirsium spp.*)
Red Admiral – Nettles (*Urtica/Boehmeria spp.*)
Sulphurs – Clover (*Trifolium spp.*)
Checkered Skipper – Asters (*Aster spp.*)
Viceroy – Willows, Aspens, Cherries and Plums
Mourning Cloak – Elm, Willow and Cottonwood
Banded Admiral – Birch Tree (*Betula nigra*)