**Butterfly Gardening**

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**Suggested Plants (not a definitive list – notice your local butterflies)**

**Native Host Trees**

Tulip Tree *Liriodendron tulipfera* Eastern Tiger Swallowtail

Black Cherry *Prunus serotina* Eastern Tiger Swallowtail

Hackberry Celtis occidentalis Hackberry & Tawny Emperors

Mourning Cloak, Question Mark

Eastern Flowering Dogwood *Cornus florida* Spring Azure

Black Locust *Robinia pseudoacacia* Silver-spotted Skipper

Wafer Ash *Ptelea trifoliata* Giant Swallowtail

**Native Host Shrubs**

Spicebush *Lindera benzoin* Spicebush Swallowtail

Common Sassafras *Sassafras albidum*  Spicebush Swallowtail

Pussy Willow *Salix discolor*  Viceroy, Acadian Hairstreak,

& Mourning Cloak

New Jersey Tea *Ceoanthus americanus*  Summer Azure

**Native Host Perennials**

Milkweeds *asclepias, sp.*  Monarch

Butterfly Milkweed *Asclepias tuberoso*

Common Milkweed *Asclepias syriaca*

Swamp Milkweed *Asclelpias incarnate*

Whorled Milkweed *Asclepias verticillata*

Sullivant’s Milkweed *Asclepias sullivantii*

Green Milkweed *Asclepias viridiflora*

Common Blue Violet *Viola sororia* & other species Fritillaries

Partridge Pea *Chamaecrista fasciculata* Little Yellow & Cloudless Sulphurs

Pussytoes *Antennaria neglecta & plantaginifolia*  American Lady

Bush Clover *Lespedeza capitate* Eastern-tailed Blue, Gray Hairstreak

Tick-Trefoil *Desmodium canadense and paniculatum* Eastern-tailed Blue

Hoary Edge Skipper

Aster Species *aster sp.* Pearl Crescent

New England *Symphyotrichum novae-angliae*

Flat-topped *Aster umbellatus*

Heath Asters *Aster ericoides*

Nettles Red Admiral, Eastern Comma

Stinging Nettle *Urtica dioica*

False Nettle *Boehmeria cylindrica*

Golden Alexander *Zizia aurea* Black Swallowtail

Parsnip *Pastinaca sativa*  Black Swallowtail

Virginia Snakeroot *Aristolochia serpentaria* Pipevine Swallowtail

**Native Perennials for Nectar**

Bergamont *Monarda fistulosa and Monarda didyma* Jul-Sept Purple

Black-eyed Susan R*udbeckia hirta.*  Jun-Sept Yellow

Blazing stars *liatris sp.* Aug-Sept Purple/Pink

Dense *Liatris spicata* Rough *Liatris aspera*

Common Boneset *Eupatorium perfoliatum* Aug-Sept White

Dogbane *apocynum sp.* Jun-Sept White

Spreading *Apocynum androsaemifolium* Clasping/Prairie *Apocynum sibiricum*

Goldenrod *soladago sp*  Aug-Sept Yellow

Ironweed *Vernonia altissima*  Aug-Sept Red-Pink

Joe- Pye Weed *Eupatotium fistulosum* Aug-Sept Purple-Pink

Purple Coneflower *Echinacea purpurea*  July-Sept Purple

Sneezeweed *helenium sp*  Aug-Sept Yellow

Vervain *verbena sp* Jul-Sept Blue

Wild Strawberry *Fragaria virginiana*  April-Jun White

**Alternate Ideas to Attract Butterflies**

Rotting Fruit – bananas and oranges

Damp Stones

Scat

Banana Brew

**Butterfly Gardening and Field Guides**

***Butterfly Gardening***The North American Butterfly Association Guide by Jane Hurwitz (available on line and thru NABA)

***Butterflies of Indiana***A Field Guide by Jeffrey E. Belth

***A Swift Guide to Butterflies of North America***by Jeffrey Glassberg

***Butterflies of Ohio***by Jaret Daniels

***Field Guide to Butterflies of North America***by Kenn Kaufman and Jim Brock

**Native Plant Information**

**\*Wild Ones Oak Openings Chapter** website, home page, and Facebook for information related to plant species as well plant resources.

**Local Butterfly Checklist**

**Toledo Naturalists’ Association** home page – species checklist to print or download

**Ohio and National Organizations Supporting Butterflies**

**Ohio Lepidopterist (Ohio Leps)**

**NABA - North American Butterfly Association**

On-line to certify your butterfly garden

**Monarch Joint Venture**

On-line to certify your Monarch Waystation

**Butterfly Rearing**

1) Butterfly Farming Supplies (on-line store)

2) Brenda’s Butterfly Habitat/House

6416 North Merriman Rd. Westland, MI 48185

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It is located adjacent to a green house and sells plants, as well as butterfly raising supplies. Call before you go – open seasonally.

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