

# Natives for Butterflies

Attracting butterflies to your garden is a rewarding way to foster a healthy population of beneficial insects. Witnessing the arrival of the graceful, multicolored beauties in your yard is evidence that by providing habitat and eliminating the use of chemical sprays, nature can restore balance to itself. Drought tolerant native plants are beneficial for species-specific native butterflies that depend on just one or a few types of plants as larval hosts.



Monarch butterfly caterpillar on *Asclepias* spp.

These are some of the native plants we grow that attract butterflies:

HOST PLANT	COMMON NAME	FLOWER COLOR	HOST	NECTAR
<b>Annuals:</b>				
<i>Collinsia heterophylla</i>	Chinese Houses	Violet / White	✓	
<i>Lupinus</i> species	Lupine	Blue / White	✓	
<b>Perennials:</b>				
<i>Achillea millefolium</i>	Yarrow	White		✓
<i>Asclepias</i> species	Milkweed	Cream	✓	✓
<i>Eriogonum</i> species	Buckwheat	White / Pink / Yellow	✓	✓
<i>Eriophyllum confertiflorum</i>	Golden Yarrow	Yellow		✓
<i>Isocoma menziesii</i>	Coast Goldenbush	Yellow		✓
<i>Lotus scoparius</i>	Deerweed	Yellow	✓	✓
<i>Mimulus aurantiacus</i>	Monkeyflower	Buff to Apricot	✓	
<i>Monardella</i> species	Coyote Mint	Lavender		✓
<i>Salvia</i> species	Sage	Purple / White / Red / Pink		✓
<i>Solidago californica</i>	Goldenrod	Yellow		✓
<i>Verbena lilacina</i>	Lilac Verbena	Lavender		✓
<i>Viguiera laciniata</i>	San Diego Sunflower	Yellow		✓
<b>Shrubs and Trees:</b>				
<i>Amorpha fruticosa</i>	False Indigo Bush	Royal Purple	✓	
<i>Baccharis pilularis</i>	Coyote Bush	Cream		✓
<i>Ceanothus</i> species	California Lilac	Blue	✓	✓
<i>Cleome isomeris</i>	Bladderpod	Yellow	✓	✓
<i>Lavatera assurgentiflora</i>	Tree Mallow	Lavender	✓	
<i>Platanus racemosa</i>	Western Sycamore		✓	
<i>Prunus ilicifolia</i>	Hollyleaf Cherry	White	✓	
<i>Quercus</i> species	Oak		✓	
<i>Rhamnus californica</i>	Coffeeberry	Cream	✓	✓
<i>Ribes</i> species	Currant, Gooseberry	Red / Pink / White		✓
<i>Salix</i> species	Willow		✓	✓
<i>Senna</i> species	Cassia	Yellow	✓	✓



Try our custom blended Butterfly Mix; local annual seed for local butterflies!

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## BUTTERFLIES

### Acmon Blue:

*Eriogonum fasciculatum*, California Buckwheat  
*Lotus scoparius*, Deerweed  
*Lupinus bicolor*, Miniature Lupine

### Afranius Duskywing:

*Lotus scoparius*, Deerweed  
*Lupinus bicolor*, Miniature Lupine

### American Lady:

*Achillea millefolium*, Yarrow  
*Artemisia californica*, California Sagebrush  
*Artemisia douglasiana*, Mugwort

### Becker's White:

*Cleome isomeris*, Bladderpod

### Blue Copper:

*Eriogonum fasciculatum*, California Buckwheat

### Boisduval's Blue:

*Lupinus bicolor*, Miniature Lupine

### California Dogface:

*Amorpha fruticosa*, False Indigobush

### California Hairstreak:

*Ceanothus spinosus*, Greenbark Ceanothus  
*Ceanothus megacarpus*, Big-Pod Ceanothus  
*Quercus agrifolia*, Coast Live Oak  
*Prunus ilicifolia*, Hollyleaf Cherry

### California Sister:

*Quercus agrifolia*, Coast Live Oak

### Checkered White:

*Cleome isomeris*, Bladderpod

### Common Buckeye:

*Mimulus guttatus*, Golden Monkeyflower

### Dainty Sulfur:

*Lasthenia californica*, California Goldenfields  
*Layia platyglossa*, Tidy Tips

### Duskywing:

*Lotus scoparius*, Deerweed

### Edith's Checkerspot:

*Mimulus aurantiacus*, Sticky Monkeyflower  
*Mimulus guttatus*, Golden Monkeyflower

### Funereal Duskywing:

*Lotus scoparius*, Deerweed

### Gabb's Checkerspot:

*Lessingia filaginifolia*, California Aster

### Golden Hairstreak:

*Quercus agrifolia*, Coast Live Oak

### Gorgon Copper:

*Eriogonum fasciculatum*, California Buckwheat

### Gold-Hunter's Hairstreak:

*Quercus agrifolia*, Coast Live Oak

### Gray Hairstreak:

*Lotus scoparius*, Deerweed  
*Lupinus bicolor*, Miniature Lupine  
*Malacothamnus fasciculatus*, Bush Mallow

### Lorquin's Admiral:

*Prunus ilicifolia*, Hollyleaf Cherry  
*Salix* spp., Willow  
*Holodiscus discolor*, Ocean Spray

### Marine Blue:

*Lotus scoparius*, Deerweed

### Melissa Blue:

*Lotus scoparius*, Deerweed  
*Lupinus bicolor*, Miniature Lupine

### Monarch:

*Asclepias* spp., Milkweed

### Mournful Duskywing:

*Quercus agrifolia*, Coast Live Oak

### Mourning Cloak:

*Salix* spp., Willow  
*Populus* spp., Poplar  
*Alnus* spp., Alder

### Orange Sulfur:

*Amorpha fruticosa*, False Indigobush  
*Lotus scoparius*, Deerweed  
*Lupinus bicolor*, Miniature Lupine

### Painted Lady:

*Achillea millefolium*, Yarrow  
*Lupinus bicolor*, Miniature Lupine  
*Malacothamnus fasciculatus*, Bush Mallow

### Pale Swallowtail:

*Ceanothus spinosus*, Greenbark Ceanothus  
*Ceanothus megacarpus*, Big-Pod Ceanothus  
*Holodiscus discolor*, Ocean Spray  
*Platanus racemosa*, California Sycamore  
*Prunus ilicifolia*, Hollyleaf Cherry  
*Rhamnus californica*, California Coffeeberry  
*Rhamnus crocea*, Red Berry  
*Rhamnus ilicifolia*, Hollyleaf Red Berry

### Propertius Duskywing:

*Quercus agrifolia*, Coast Live Oak

### Queen:

*Asclepias* spp., Milkweed

### Silver-Spotted Skipper:

*Amorpha fruticosa*, False Indigo Bush  
*Lotus scoparius*, Deerweed

### Silvery Blue:

*Lotus scoparius*, Deerweed  
*Lupinus bicolor*, Miniature Lupine

### Sonoran Blue:

*Dudleya lanceolata*, Lance-Leaved Dudleya  
*Dudleya multicaulis*, Many-Stemmed Dudleya  
*Dudleya pulverulenta*, Chalk Dudleya

### Spring Azure:

*Adenostoma fasciculatum*, Chamise  
*Aesculus californica*, California Buckeye  
*Ceanothus* spp., California Lilac

### Striated Queen:

*Asclepias* spp., Milkweed

### Variable Checkerspot:

*Heteromeles arbutifolia*, Toyon  
*Mimulus aurantiacus*, Sticky Monkeyflower  
*Prunus ilicifolia*, Hollyleaf Cherry  
*Sambucus mexicana*, Elderberry  
*Symphoricarpos mollis*, Creeping Snowberry  
*Rosa californica*, California Wild Rose

### Western Green Hairstreak:

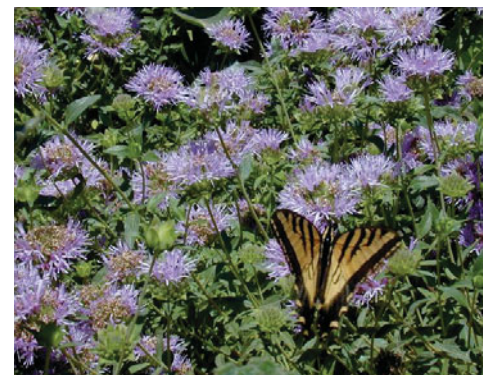
*Ceanothus spinosus*, Greenbark Ceanothus  
*Ceanothus megacarpus*, Big-Pod Ceanothus  
*Lotus scoparius*, Deerweed

### Western Pygmy-Blue:

*Atriplex* species, Saltbush

### Western Tiger Swallowtail:

*Salix* spp., Willow  
*Alnus* spp., Alder  
*Prunus ilicifolia*, Hollyleaf Cherry



Pale Swallowtail butterfly on *Monardella* spp.

Recommended Reading: [Common Butterflies of California](#), Stewart, 1997. [California Butterflies](#), Garth and Tilden, 1986.  
[The Butterfly Garden](#), Tekulsky, 1985.