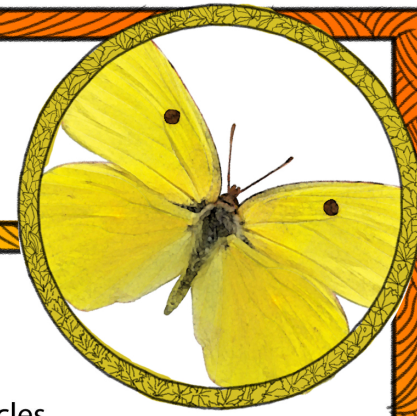


# BUTTERFLY GARDENING



## Introducing Butterflies Into Your Garden:

1. Plant flowers only in a **SUNNY LOCATION**. Butterflies need sun to warm flight muscles.
2. Plant colorful **NECTAR PLANTS** that produce nectar over a long period of time (Lantana, Starflower, etc.)
3. Plant **HOST PLANTS** for larvae. They are munching machines!
4. Plant flowers in areas **PROTECTED** from wind. Butterflies don't like wind. Good windbreaks: shrubs, house, fence.
5. Provide **SHELTER** (trees/shrubs) from predators and also to overwintering as pupae or adults.
6. Provide **WATER** as a source of minerals.
7. Plant a **DIVERSITY** of plants.

## Nectar Plants:

*Blooming time is given when known, may vary. All of the following plants require full sun. All perennial unless stated otherwise. Using Native California plants is a great way to attract local butterflies!*

*CA natives are marked with an asterisk (\*)*

### Lantana, *Lantana species*:

#1 nectar plant. Crosses made from *L. camara* (bush variety) & *L. montevidensis* (trailing variety). Not a native, found worldwide. Very long-lived perennial. Butterflies like plants with red and orange blossoms. A "must have" for a butterfly garden because it blooms most of the year and is drought tolerant. Fertilize sparingly. Consider bush varieties, or dwarf varieties.

### Pentas (Star Flower), *Pentas species*:

#2 nectar plant. Blooms almost all year, is drought tolerant and requires little maintenance. Available in pink, red, and white blooms. Not a native, needs well drained soil, dwarf varieties are not hardy.

### Butterfly Bush, *Buddleia species*:

*Many species and cultivars available. Magnet for butterflies, birds and bees! Many are summer bloomers but there are also winter and spring bloomers.*

### Woolly Butterfly Bush, *Buddleia marrubifolia*:

*Native to S. Arizona. High conc. nectar. Drought tolerant. Hardy to 20F. Blooms all year.*

### Black Sage, *Salvia mellifera*:

*\*Ca. Native shrub 3-5 ft high. Also consider White Sage & Cleveland Sage, which are also Ca. natives. Blooms Feb.-July. Very drought and heat tolerant. Requires well drained soil. Also important source of nectar for native bees.*

### Blanket Flower, *Gaillardia species*: For example: G. 'Frenzy', G. 'Lemon Ball', G. 'Arizona Sun'.

*North American Native. 2 dozen species. Blooms all year, heaviest May-Sept. Drought and heat tolerant. Needs well drained soil.*

### Mountain Marigold, *Tagetes lemmoni*: Arizona native.

*Fall and Winter bloomer. Blooms a bit rest of year. 6-10 ft tall. Dwarf varieties available. Drought tolerant. Needs good drainage. Soggy soil leads to root rot.*