**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

 (734) 788-0539

 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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