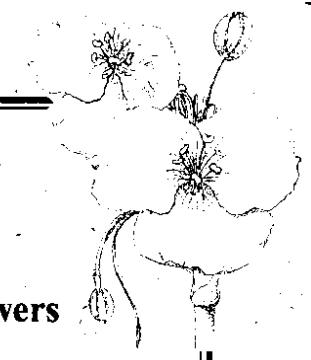


# Backyard Wildlife

## WILDLIFE HABITAT NOTES: Butterfly Nectar Flowers



Common Name	Botanical Name	Color	Season	Comments
<b>Average to Dry Soils</b>				
Aster				
Aromatic	<i>Aster oblongifolius</i>	purple	fall	low plants
Calico	<i>Aster lateriflorus</i>	white	fall	
Downy	<i>Aster pilosus</i>	white	fall	aggressive
New England	<i>Aster novae-angliae</i>	purple	fall	large
Silky	<i>Aster sericeus</i>	purple	fall	small, drought
tolerant				
Sky blue	<i>Aster azureus</i>	blue	fall	very drought tolerant
Smooth	<i>Aster laevis</i>	blue	fall	
Beardtongue				
Small's	<i>Penstemon smallii</i>	purple	spring	
Smooth	<i>Penstemon digitalis</i>	white	summer	tall, hummingbirds also
Black-eyed Susan				
Biennial	<i>Rudbeckia hirta</i>	yellow	summer	
Brown-eyed	<i>Budbeckia triloba</i>	yellow	fall	
Orange	<i>Rudbeckia fulgida</i>	yellow	sum-fall	tall
Sweet Sue	<i>Rudbeckia tomentosa</i>	yellow	summer	
Blazing star				
Button	<i>Liatris squarrosa</i>	pink	fall	hummingbirds small
Dwarf	<i>Liatris cylindracea</i>	pink	fall	small, rock gardens
Prairie	<i>Liatris pycnostachya</i>	purple	summer	
Rough	<i>Liatris aspera</i>	purple	sum-fall	tall
Spiked	<i>Liatris spicata</i>	purple	summer	med.tall
Blue sage	<i>Salvia azurea</i>	blue	sum-fall	tall, hummingbirds
Boltonia	<i>Boltonia asteroides</i>	blue	summer	aster-like
Boneset	<i>Eupatorium perfoliatum</i>	white	summer	
Bush Clover				
Roundheaded	<i>Lespedeza capitata</i>	white	summer	legume
Virginia	<i>Lespedeza virginia</i>	purple	summer	legume
Cactus, Prickly Pear	<i>Opuntia humisifusa</i>	yellow	summer	
Compass Plant	<i>Silphium laciniatum</i>	yellow	summer	very tall, showy
Coneflower				
Pale purple	<i>Echniace pallida</i>	pink	spr-sum	very showy
Purple	<i>Echinacea purpurea</i>	purple	summer	very showy
Yellow	<i>Ratibida pinnata</i>	yellow	summer	

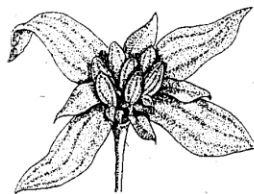
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Coreopsis				
Eared	<i>Coreopsis auriculata</i>	yellow	spring	small
Large	<i>Coreopsis major</i>	yellow	summer	
Tall	<i>Coreopsis tripteris</i>	yellow	summer	very tall
Goatsbeard	<i>Pyrrhopappus carolinianus</i>	yellow	spr-sum	dandelion-like
Goldenrod				
Gray	<i>Solidago nemoralis</i>	yellow	fall	small
Rigid	<i>Solidago rigida</i>	yellow	fall	
Showy	<i>Solidago speciosa</i>	yellow	fall	
Ironweed	<i>Vernonia altissima</i>	purple	summer	tall
Lobelia				
Blue	<i>Lobelia siphilitica</i>	blue	sum-fall	
Spiked	<i>Lobelia spicata</i>	bl-wht	summer	small
Milkweed				
Butterfly	<i>Asclepias tuberosa</i>	orange	summer	
Climbing	<i>Mikania cordata</i>	white	summer	
Green	<i>Asclepias viridis</i>	green	summer	
Purple	<i>Asclepias purpurascens</i>	red	summer	
Mountain mint	<i>Pycnanthemum tenuifolium</i>	white	summer	attr. foliage
Nodding Wild Onion	<i>Allium cernuum</i>	pink	summer	edible bulb
Obedient Plant	<i>Physostegia virginiana</i>	pink	sum-fall	showy, hummingbirds
Partridge Pea	<i>Cassia fasciculata</i>	yellow	summer	annual legume
Passion Flower	<i>Passiflora incarnata</i>	purple	summer	vine, host plant
Phlox				hummingbirds
Downy	<i>Phlox pilosa</i>	pink	spring	low
Meadow	<i>Phlox maculata</i>	pnk-wht	sum-fall	
Smooth	<i>Phlox carolina</i>	pink	summer	
Tall	<i>Phlox paniculata</i>	pnk-wht	summer	tall, showy
Prairie Clover				
Purple	<i>Petalostemum purpureum</i>	pink	summer	legume
White	<i>Petalostemum candidum</i>	white	summer	legume
Prairie Dock	<i>Silphium terebinthinaceum</i>	yellow	summer	large, showy
Primrose				
Missouri	<i>Oenothera missouriense</i>	yellow	summer	low, drought tolerant
Showy	<i>Oenothera speciosa</i>	pink	spr-sum	low, drought tolerant
Rattlesnake Master	<i>Eryngium yuccifolium</i>	gr-wht	summer	yucca-like foliage
Rose Gentian	<i>Sabatia angularis</i>	pink	summer	biennial
Rosinweed	<i>Silphium integrifolium</i>	yellow	summer	tall, drought tolerant
Royal Catchfly	<i>Silene regia</i>	red	summer	hummingbirds
Sneezeweed	<i>Helenium autumnale</i>	yellow	summer	



## Butterfly Nectar Plants, cont.



Common Name	Botanical Name	Color	Season	Comments
Sunflower				
Downy	<i>Helianthus mollis</i>	yellow	fall	tall, showy
Oxeye	<i>Heliopsis helianthoides</i>	yellow	spr-sum	tall
Rough-leaved	<i>Helianthus strumosus</i>	yellow	sum-fall	
Western	<i>Helianthus occidentalis</i>	yellow	summer	
Tickseed sunflower	<i>Bidens aristosa</i>	yellow	summer	annual, spreads easily
Wild Bergamot	<i>Monarda fistulosa</i>	lilac	summer	hummingbirds, moths
Wild Petunia	<i>Ruellia humilis</i>	bl-pink	summer	short, hummingbirds
Wild Quinine	<i>Parthenium integrifolium</i>	white	summer	
Wild Strawberry	<i>Fragaria virginiana</i>	white	summer	vine, edible fruits
Wood Mint	<i>Blephilia ciliata</i>	pink	spring	
<b>Moist to Wet Soils</b>				
Culver's Root	<i>Veronicastrum virginiana</i>	white	summer	tall flower spikes
Cup Plant	<i>Silphium perfoliatum</i>	yellow	summer	
Goldenglow	<i>Rudbeckia laciniata</i>	yellow	summer	tall coneflower
Goldenrod				
Grass-leaved	<i>Solidago graminifolia</i>	yellow	summer	
Rough	<i>Solidago rugosa</i>	yellow	summer	tall
Jerusalem Artichoke	<i>Helianthus tuberosus</i>	yellow	summer	large, spreads
aggressive				
Joe-pye-weed	<i>Eupatorium maculatum</i> <i>E. purpureum</i>	pink	summer	tall
Meadow Beauty	<i>Rhexia mariana</i>	pink	summer	very showy
Milkweed, Swamp	<i>Asclepias incarnata</i>	pink	summer	
Mistflower	<i>Eupatorium coelestinum</i>	blue	summer	
Rose Mallow	<i>Hibiscus moscheutos</i>	pnk-wht	summer	showy, hummingbirds
Sunflower, Narrow	<i>Helianthus angustifolius</i>	yellow	sum-fall	very showy
Tickseed Sunflower	<i>Bidens aristosa</i>	yellow	sum-fall	annual
Vervain, Blue	<i>Verbena hastata</i>	blue	summer	tall



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