

Bring Ohio Butterflies to your Yard



Monarch Butterfly on Marsh Milkweed
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To start your butterfly garden in Ohio:

Ohio Butterfly Some Host Plants for Caterpillar

American Painted Lady	Pearly everlasting, Pussy-toes
Eastern Tailed Blue	White or red clover (un-mowed)
Great Spangled Fritillary	Common Blue, White, Yellow or Marsh Blue Violets
Monarch	Butterfly weed, Milkweeds
Mourning Cloak	Common Hackberry, American Elm
Pearl Crescent	New England, Sky blue, Calico, Smooth or White Wood Asters
Question Mark	Hackberry, American or Slippery Elm
Red-spotted Purple	Wild Black Cherry, Black or Pussy Willow, Tulip Poplar, Quaking Aspen
Silver-Spotted Skipper	Leguminous plants, Atlantic Wisteria, False Indigo, Black Locust, etc.
Spring Azure	Gray, Flowering, Red Osier, Pagoda Dogwoods, or Wild Black Cherry Tree
Sulphur, Clouded	Legumes like Black Locust, Atlantic Wisteria, False Indigo, Honey Locust.
Swallowtails:	
➤ Spicebush	Spicebush or Common Sassafras tree
➤ Black:	Golden Alexander's, Dill, Parsley
➤ Eastern Tiger:	Wild Black Cherry tree, Tuliptree, Spicebush
Viceroy	Black or Pussy Willow, Tulip Poplar

- Locate a small space you can see sheltered from wind with 6+ hours of sunlight
- Plant Ohio native flowers* because of hardiness, beauty and wildlife dependence
- Plant purple, yellow, white or blue flat-topped flowers that bloom at different times
- Plant similar colors together
- Wait to rake leaves until early summer after all butterflies are flying

Important! Keep your lawn and garden chemical free. Use organic fertilizer & manually control pests. Chemicals kill the caterpillar and butterfly.

Ohio Nectar Plants for Butterflies

Early-season bloomers

- Violet-blue Common Violet
- Yellow Spicebush
- White Choke Cherry Tree
- Violet-pink Wild Geranium
- Blue-violet Wild or Creeping Phlox

Mid-season bloomers

- White-pink Marsh (Swamp) Milkweed
- Yellow Black-eyed Susan
- Violet-pink Purple Coneflower
- Violet Rough or Dense Blazingstar (Liatris)
- Orange Butterfly-weed (Milkweed)
- Red Beebalm

Late-season bloomers (help migrants)

- White Heart-leaved, Wood, or Heath Aster
- Yellow Grey, Stiff or Showy Goldenrod
- Violet-pink Spotted or Sweet Joe-Pye Weed
- Violet New England or Smooth Aster
- Violet Tall or Smooth Ironweed

Butterflies of Ohio - Field Guide by Jaret C. Daniels

Common Butterflies and Skippers of Ohio - Pub 204, no cost, ODNR Division of Wildlife: 800-945-3543

Attracting Butterflies & Hummingbirds – Book by Sally Roth

Backyard Habitat Tips - National Wildlife Federation
www.nwf.org/gardenforwildlife and
www.enature.com (click on Zip Guides)

www.backyardhabitat.info