



BUTTERFLY PLANTS – HILL COUNTRY / SAN ANTONIO

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Nectar Source for adults (N) & Larval food for immatures (LF)

* indicates plant is native elsewhere

TREES:

Anacacho Orchid Tree	<i>Bauhinia lunarioides</i>	N, LF (Long-tailed Skipper)
Anaqua	<i>Ehretia anacua</i>	N semi-evergreen
Carolina Buckthorn Painted Lady)	<i>Frangula caroliniana</i> formerly <i>Rhamnus</i>	N, LF (Gray Hairstreak, Spring Azure,
Catclaw / Roemer's Acacia	<i>Acacia roemeriana</i>	N, LF (Reakirt's Blue)
Cherry, Black/Wild	<i>Prunus serotina var. eximia</i>	LF (E.Tiger Sw, Hen.Elfin, Red-spotted Admiral)
Hackberry/ Sugarberry Emperor, Question Mark, Mourning Cloak)	<i>Celtis laevigata & varieties</i>	LF (Hackberry Emperor, Empress Leilia, Tawny
Hop-tree/Wafer-ash	<i>Ptelia trifoliata</i>	N, LF (Giant Swallowtail, Two-tailed Swal.)
Juniper /Cedar	<i>Juniperus ashei</i>	LF (Juniper Hairstreak) evergreen
Mesquite	<i>Prosopis glandulosa</i>	N, LF (Blues)
Mex. Olive/Anacahuita	<i>Cordia boissieri</i>	N may freeze back cold winters, S.TX native
Oaks Arizona Sister uses Live Oak)	<i>Quercus sp.</i>	N, LF (Hairstreaks, Duskywings, and more,
Plum, Mexican	<i>Prunus mexicana</i>	N, LF (Tiger Swallowtail, Cecropia moth)
Redbud	<i>Cercis canadensis var. texensis</i>	N, LF (Henry's Elfin)
Rough-leaf Dogwood	<i>Cornus drummondii</i>	N, LF (Spring Azure)
Rusty Black Haw	<i>Viburnum rufidulum</i>	N
Soapberry	<i>Sapindus saponaria</i>	N, LF (Soapberry Hairstreak)
Toothache tree	<i>Zanthoxylum hirsutum</i>	N, LF (Giant Swallowtail, Sickle-winged skipper)
Texas Persimmon	<i>Diospyros texana</i>	N, LF (Gray Hairstreak, Henry's Elfin)
Texas Mountain Laurel	<i>Sophora secundiflora</i>	N, LF (Henry's Elfin) evergreen
Willow, Black	<i>Salix nigra</i>	LF (Viceroy and others)
*Tree Senna	<i>Senna corymbosa</i>	N, LF (sulphur sp.) South Amer. evergreen

SHRUBS:

Agarita	<i>Berberis trifoliolata</i>	N evergreen
Barbados Cherry	<i>Malpighia glabra</i>	N, LF (native to deep S. TX) evergreen
Boneset/White Mist Flower	<i>Ageratina havanensis</i> (formerly <i>Eupatorium havanense</i>)	N, LF (Rawson's Metalmark, Bordered Patch)
Buttonbush	<i>Cephalanthus occidentalis</i>	N moist areas
Cenizo	<i>Leucophyllum frutescens</i>	N,LF (Theona Checkerspot) evergreen
Dalea, Black	<i>Dalea frutescens</i>	N, LF (Southern Dogface)
Flame Acanthus	<i>Anisacanthus quadrifidus</i>	N, LF (Crimson Patch, Texan Crescent)
Elbow bush/ Spring Herald	<i>Forestiera pubescens</i>	N
Esperanza/Yellow Bells	<i>Tecoma stans</i>	N sub-shrub
Evergreen Sumac	<i>Rhus virens</i>	N evergreen
Hog Plum	<i>Colubrina texensis</i>	N
Kidneywood	<i>Eysenhardtia texana</i>	N,LF (Southern Dogface)
Lantana	<i>Lantana sp.</i>	N, LF (Painted Lady and others)
Mexican Buckeye	<i>Ungnadia speciosa</i>	N, LF (Henry's Elfin)
Pink Mimosa	<i>Mimosa borealis</i>	N, LF
Possum Haw	<i>Ilex decidua</i>	N
Salvia greggii/Autumn Sage	<i>Salvia greggii</i>	N

BUTTERFLY PLANTS SHRUBS continued

Shrubby Blue Sage	<i>Salvia ballotiflora</i>	N
Skeleton-leaf Goldeneye	<i>Viguiera stenoloba</i>	N (deer do not eat)
Spiny Hackberry/Granjeno	<i>Celtis pallida</i>	N, LF (American Snout)
Whitebrush / Beebrush	<i>Aloysia gratissima</i>	N
Woolly Butterfly bush	<i>Buddleja marrubifolia</i>	N (deer do not eat) evergreen W. TX native
Yucca, Buckley/thread-leaf	<i>Yucca constricta</i>	LF (Yucca Giant-Skipper) evergreen
Yucca, Twist-leaf	<i>Yucca rupicola</i>	LF (Yucca Giant-Skipper) evergreen
*Mexican Orchid tree	<i>Bauhinia mexicana</i>	N top may freeze in winter. If so, cut back to ground in late Feb. (from Mexico)
*Monterrey Dalea	<i>Dalea bicolor</i>	N, LF from Mexico

VINES:

Coral Honeysuckle	<i>Lonicera sempervirens</i>	N, LF (Spring Azure, Sphinx moth) semi-everg
White/bush Honeysuckle	<i>Lonicera albiflora</i>	N
Cross Vine	<i>Bignonia capreolata</i>	N evergreen
Dewberry	<i>Rubus sp.</i>	N
Passionflower	<i>Passiflora sp.</i>	N, LF (Gulf Fritillary, Zebra Longwing)
Old Man's Beard	<i>Clematis drummondii</i>	LF (Fatal Metalmark)
Snapdragon Vine	<i>Maurandya antirrhiniflora</i>	N, LF (Common Buckeye)
* Dutchman's Pipe	<i>Aristolochia fimbriata</i>	LF ((Pipevine Swallowtail, others) Brazil
* Mexican Flame Vine	<i>Senecio sp.</i>	N from Mexico

GARDEN & WILDFLOWERS:

Asters	<i>Aster sp.</i>	N, LF (Pearl Crescent)
Basket flower	<i>Centaurea americana</i>	N, LF (Painted Lady)
Blackfoot Daisy	<i>Melampodium leucanthum</i>	N
Bluebonnet	<i>Lupinus sp.</i>	N, LF (Henry's Elfin and others)
Blue Mist/ Greg's Blue Mist	<i>Conoclinium greggii</i> syn: <i>Eupatorium greggii</i>	N, LF
Blue Mist/ Crucita	<i>Chromolaena odorata</i> syn: <i>Eupatorium odoratum</i>	N LF native to deep S. TX & Mexico
Brown-eyed Susan	<i>Rudbeckia hirta</i>	N, LF (Silvery Checkerspot and others)
Columbine	<i>Aquilegia sp.</i>	N
Coreopsis/Greenthread	<i>Coreopsis/Thelesperma sp.</i>	N, LF (Dainty Sulphur)
Cowpen Daisy	<i>Verbesina encelioides</i>	N, LF (Bordered Patch)
Damianita	<i>Chrysactinia mexicana</i>	N
Dutchman's Pipe	<i>Aristolochia sp.</i>	LF (Pipevine Swallowtail)
Engelmann Daisy	<i>Engelmannia pinnatifida</i>	N, LF
Flax, Rock, and Yellow	<i>Linum sp.</i>	N, LF (Variegated Fritillary)
Frogfruit	<i>Phyla incisa</i>	N LF (Phaon Crescent)
Frostweed / Iceweed patch)	<i>Verbesina virginiana</i>	N, LF (Silvery Checkerspot, Bordered
Gayfeather	<i>Liatris mucronata</i>	N
Indian Blanket/Firewheel	<i>Gaillardia pulchella</i>	N, LF (Bordered Patch)
Ironweed, Western	<i>Vernonia baldwinii</i>	N wetlands/edge of pond or stream
Jimson Weed/Datura	<i>Datura sp.</i>	N (moths)
Mallow, Indian & Velvet-leaf Powdered-Skipper)	<i>Abutilon & Wassadula</i>	N, LF (Common Streaky Skipper, TX
Mexican Sagewort	<i>Artemesia ludoviciana</i>	LF (American Lady, Painted Lady)
Milkweed/ Butterflyweed	<i>Asclepias sp.</i>	N, LF (Monarch, Queen)

BUTTERFLY PLANTS GARDEN & WILDFLOWERS Continued

Noseburn	<i>Tragia sp.</i>	LF (Common Mestra)
Orange Zexmenia	<i>Wedelia hispida</i>	N, LF (Bordered Patch)
Parralena/Dogweed	<i>Dyssodia pentachaeta</i>	N, LF (Dianty Sulphur)
Paintbrush	<i>Castilleja sp.</i>	N, LF (Buckeye)
Pipevine / Swan-flower	<i>Aristolochia erecta & others</i>	LF (Pipevine Swallowtail)
Purple Coneflower	<i>Echinacea sp.</i>	N
Salvia, Cedar / Cedar Sage	<i>Salvia roemeriana</i>	N
Salvia, Mealy Blue Sage	<i>Salvia farinaceae</i>	N
Salvia, Indigo Spires	<i>S. farinaceae x longipes</i>	N
Salvia, Tropical/ Scarlet Sage	<i>Salvia coccinea</i>	N (likes some shade, wilts in summer)
Salvia, Mexican Bush Sage	<i>Salvia leucantha</i>	N (deer do not eat)
Salvia, Mountain Sage	<i>Salvia regla</i>	N
other Salvias	<i>Salvia sp.</i>	N
Senna, Lindheimer's	<i>Senna lindheimeriana</i>	N, LF (Sleepy Orange & other sulphurs)
Skeleton Plant	<i>Lygodesmia texana</i>	N
Sunflowers	Several species	N, LF (Bordered Patch and others)
Texas Parsley	<i>Polytaenia texana</i>	LF (Black Swallowtail)
Thistles	<i>Circium sp. and others</i>	N, LF (American Lady, Painted Lady)
Tube-tongue	<i>Siphonoglossa pilosella</i>	N, LF (Vesta & Texan Crescent and others)
Turk's Cap	<i>Malvaviscus drummondii</i>	N, LF (Laviana white skipper and others)
Verbenas	<i>all Verbena sp.</i>	N
Wild Garlic & Wild Onion	<i>Allium drummondii, A. canadense</i>	N
Wild Petunias	<i>Ruellia sp.</i>	LF (Common Buckeye)
Woolly-White/ Old Plainsman	<i>Hymenopappus scabiosaeus</i>	N
Yarrow	<i>Achillea millifolium</i>	N, LF
* Copper Canyon Daisy	<i>Tagetes lemonii</i>	N from Mexico
* Firecracker plant/ Coral Plant	<i>Rusellia equisetiformis</i>	N from Mexico
* Firecracker plant	<i>Rusellia sarmentosa</i>	N from Mexico
* Mexican Mint Marigold	<i>Tagetes lucida</i>	N from Mexico
* Mexican Sunflower	<i>Tithonia rotundifolia</i>	N from Mexico
* Milkweed, Tropical	<i>Asclepias currasavica</i>	N, LF (Monarch, Queen) Tropical Amer.
* Rue	<i>Ruta graveolens</i>	N, LF (Giant swallowtail, Black swallowtail)
* Celery, Dill, Fennel, Parsley		LF (Black Swallowtail)
* Pentas		N
* Zinnia & Cosmos		N
Native Grasses		LF (various skippers)

Butterflies listed for larval food is a work-in-progress.

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