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## Native Plants for Butterflies

Here is a list of the more common butterflies and their native host and nectar plants.

If a plant is a caterpillar host plant, this means you will see caterpillars eating the leaves. Do not fret, they will not kill your plant, and the result will be a butterfly. Be sure you also have plants nearby to feed the adult butterfly once it emerges.

All the plants listed below are available at Edge of the Woods Native Plant Nursery. All plants are nursery propagated, we do not collect from the wild.

Butterfly	Caterpillar Host Plant	Butterfly Nectar Source
American Painted Lady	Everlasting	Aster, Dogbane, Goldenrod, Mallow,
American Snout	Hackberry	Aster, amsonia, Dogwood, Goldenrod, Pepperbush
Anise Swallowtail		Joe Pye Weed
Baltimore Checkerspot	Turtlehead	Milkweed, Viburnum, Wild Rose
Black Swallowtail		Aster, Joe Pye Weed, Milkweed
Clouded Sulphur		Goldenrod, cardinal flower, hibiscus
Comma	Elm, Black Birch, Alder, Rhododendron	
Common Checkered Skipper	Hibiscus	Red Clover
Common Sulphur		Aster, Amsonia, Goldenrod
Common Wood-nymph	Purpletop Grass	Purple Coneflower
Coppermark	New Jersey Tea	
Eastern Tailed Blue		Amsonia
Falcate Orangetip		Strawberry, Violet
Giant Swallowtail	Prickly Ash	Joe Pye Weed, Goldenrod, Swamp Milkweed
Gorgone Checkerspot	Sunflower	Sunflower, Goldenrod
Hairstreak, Western, Green, Turquoise and Buckthorn	New Jersey Tea	
Gray Hairstreak	Hibiscus	
Great Spangled Fritillary	Violet	Black-eyed Susan, Milkweed, Ironweed, Buttonbush
Greater Fritillary	Violet	Joe Pye Weed, Buttonbush
Gulf Fritillary	Passion-vine	Joe Pye Weed, Buttonbush
Hackberry Emperor	Hackberry	

Little Glassywing	Purpletop Grass	Amsonia, Zinnia
Little Yellow		Aster, Goldenrod
Monarch	Milkweed	Amsonia
Mottled DuskyWing	New Jersey Tea	
Mourning Cloak	Elm, Poplar, Birch, Wild Rose	Milkweed, Amsonia
Northern Zig-Zag Fritillary	Bearberry	Buttonbush
Orange Sulphur		Aster, Verbena
Orange Tip Admiral	New Jersey Tea	
Painted Lady	Thistle, Daisy, Mallow/Hollyhock, Burdock	Aster
Pearl Crescent	Aster	Amsonia
Pipevine Swallowtail	Dutchman's Pipe	
Queen	Milkweed	Milkweed
Question Mark	Hackberry, Elm, Linden/Basswood	Aster, Milkweed, Sweet Pepperbush
Red Admiral		Sedum, Aster, Goldenrod, Hibiscus. Milkweed
Red-banded Hairstreak	Bayberry, Sumacs	
Red-spotted Purple	Black Cherry, Poplar	Poplar
Silver-spotted Skipper		Amsonia
Silvery Checkerspot	Sunflower	Phlox
Sleepy Orange		Aster
Spicebush Swallowtail	Spicebush, Sassafras	Amsonia, Joe Pye Weed
Spring Azure	Dogwood, Viburnum, New Jersey Tea, Blueberry, Ninebark	Wild Cherry, Dogwood, Holly, New Jersey Tea, Common Milkweed
Tawny Emperor	Hackberry	
Tiger Swallowtail	Black Cherry, Birch, New Jersey Tea,	Joe Pye Weed, Buttonbush
Variagated Fritillary	Violet, Passion Vine	Joe Pye Weed, Buttonbush
Viceroy		Goldenrod, Milkweed
Western Tortoise Shell	New Jersey Tea	
White Admiral	Birch, Honeysuckle	
Zabulon Skipper	Purpletop Grass	Milkweed, Buttonbush
Zebra Longwing	Passion-vine	Verbena
Zebra Swallowtail	Pawpaw	Amsonia, Joe Pye Weed, Blueberry

For a list of butterfly species in PA, see [this link](#)