

# Intern Plant List - Butterfly Hosts

| common local name / ITIS* name                    | family                   | light         | bloom season     | water needs    | drought tolerant?   | xeriscaping?  |
|---|--------------------------|---------------|------------------|----------------|---|---|
| botanical name                                    | leaves/Native            | H    W (ft.)  | bloom color      | salt tolerance | hummers? butterflies? deer resistant?   | heat tolerant? aromatic?  |
| herb, perennial                                   |                          |               |                  |                |   |   |
| Butterfly Weed / Butterfly Milkweed               | Asclepiadaceae           | sun-part sun  | spring-fall      | low            | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| <i>Asclepias tuberosa</i>                         | evergreen / Coastal Bend | 2    1        | multiple         |                | larval host for Monarch, Queen, Gray Hairstreak butterflies   |   |
| Butterfly Weed, Tropical / Bloodflower            | Asclepiadaceae           | sun-part sun  | spring-fall      | low            | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| <i>Asclepias curassavica</i>                      | evergreen / C. America   | 3    1        | yellow           | some           | most noted as the larval host for Monarch and Queen butterflies   |   |
| Greenthread / Greenthread                         | Asteraceae               | full sun      | spring-fall      | very low       | <input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>            | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| <i>Thelesperma filifolium</i>                     | deciduous / Coastal Bend | 2    3        | yellow           | moderate       | striking when planted in mass.  |   |
| Porterweed, Blue / Light-blue Snakeweed           | Verbenaceae              | sun-part sun  | spring-fall      | medium         | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>                                  | <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>                       |
| <i>Stachytarpheta jamaicensis</i>                 | evergreen / USA          | 4    6        | blue             |                | red and purple varieties, great for the butterfly garden!   |   |
| Sage, Tropical / Blood Sage                       | Lamiaceae                | sun and shade | spring-fall      | low-medium     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| <i>Salvia coccinea</i>                            | evergreen / Coastal Bend | 3    2        | red, pink, white | moderate       | aka. Tropical Sage, larval plant food for painted lady butterfly  |   |
| Skeleton-Leaf Goldeneye / Resin Bush, Golden Bush | Asteraceae               | full sun      | fall             | very low-med.  | <input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>            | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| <i>Viguiera stenoloba</i>                         | evergreen / Texas        | 4    3        | yellow           |                | extremely ornamental shrub, cut back for show   |   |
| shrub, perennial                                  |                          |               |                  |                |   |   |
| Esperanza / Trumpetbush                           | Bignoniaceae             | sun-part sun  | spring-fall      | low            | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| <i>Tecoma stans</i>                               | deciduous / Texas        | 10    10      | yellow           | some           | Orange variety also: var stans 25 ft/var Augustana 10 ft/var Gold Star 4 ft   |   |
| Firecracker / Fountainbush                        | Plantaginaceae           | sun-part sun  | year-round       | low            | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>                                  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| <i>Russelia equisetiformis</i>                    | evergreen / Mexico       | 5    6        | red, white       | moderate       | very hardy, does well in hanging baskets, white variety also  |   |
| Flame Acanthus / Wright's Desert Honeysuckle      | Acanthaceae              | sun-part sun  | summer-fall      | low            | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>            | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| <i>Anisacanthus quadrifidus "Wrightii"</i>        | deciduous / Texas        | 5    4        | red              | high           | Larval food - crescent spot butterfly, returns after freeze   |   |
| vine, perennial                                   |                          |               |                  |                |   |   |
| Trumpet Creeper / Trumpet Creeper                 | Bignoniaceae             | full sun      | summer           | medium         | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>                                  | <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>                       |
| <i>Campsis radicans</i>                           | deciduous / Coastal Bend | 40            | red-orange       |                | May be invasive. Great humming/butterfly plant, grow in a mowed area  |   |