

Shades Of Green's Top Ten Native Perennials To Attract Butterflies

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Low Maintenance & Water Requirements, Environmentally Friendly,
Attracts Native Songbirds, Local – Grown in Collinsville!
Listed Shortest to Tallest

Blackfoot Daisy, (*Melampodium leucanthemum*), Grows 8-12" w x 24" h, blooms white with yellow center spring through fall, likes full sun, *must* stay dry, cut back slightly in late spring if needed.



Blackfoot Daisy



Verbena

Verbena, (*Verbena sp.*), Grows 8-12" w x 36" h, flowers in many colors, *Verbena bipinnatifida* is a native. Use as ground cover or over walls. Excellent in Containers. Cut back after blooms fade.

Orange Milkweed, (*Asclepias tuberosa*), Grows 18-24" w x 18" h, flowers orange, likes sun to part shade. Must stay dry. Cut only when there is new growth in late spring. *A. currasavica* not usually hardy here, may reseed.



Orange Milkweed



Purple Coneflower

Purple Coneflower, (*Echinacea purpurea*), Grows 18-24" w x 18" h, bloom purple in the fall, Sun to part shade, many varieties to try. *E. angustifolia* best here.

Zexmenia, (*Wedelia hispida*), grows 18-24" w x 36" h, blooms Orange in late Spring to Fall, likes sun to shade, very easy to grow. Cut back in spring, trim anytime as needed.



Zexmenia



Yarrow

Yarrow, (*Achillea millefolium*), grows 24-30" w x 24" h, many color blooms in late Spring to Summer, likes sun to part shade, spreads quickly, great cut flowers, divide in the spring. "Moonshine" best yellow, "Paprika" blooms red.

Hardy Blue Aster, (*Aster oblongifolia*), grows 24-30" w x 36" h, blooms blue, likes sun to part shade, cut back till July to keep full, hard to find blue flowers late in season.



Hardy Aster



Gregg's Mist

Gregg's Mistflower, (*Eupatorium greggi*), grows 24-30" w x 36" h, blooms blue in late Spring though Fall, likes sun to part shade, a real butterfly magnet, keep in native soil, spreads like wildfire in amended soil, cut back anytime for re-bloom.

Texas Lantana, (*Lantana horrida*), grows 24-30" w x 36+" h, many colors available, blooms late Spring thru Fall, likes sun to part shade, *L. horrida* is hardy shrub to 4' tall. All others not hardy. Fast growing, use anywhere.



TX Lantana



Blackeyed Susan

Black-eyed Susan, (*Rudbeckia sp.*), grows 24-30" w x 36" h, blooms yellow in late Summer to Fall, likes sun to part shades, easy to grow. *R. herbstonne* can grow to 5' tall.