

# Butterfly Nectar and Host Plants

## Host Plants

Milkweed → Monarch Butterfly

Dill, Bronze Fennel → Eastern Black Swallowtail

Aspen, Birch, Cherry → Canadian Tiger Swallowtail

Tulip, Cherry, Sweetbay → Eastern Tiger Swallowtail

Common Rue → Black Swallowtail

Willow, Birch → Mourning Cloak

Willow, Blackcherry & Poplar → Red Spotted Purple Admiral

Lonicera, Plum & Cherry → Hummingbird Moth

Thistle, Hollyhock, Mallow → Painted Lady

Walnut, Paperbirch, Sweetgum → Luna Moth

## Nectar Plants

AGASTACHE

ALLIUM

BUTTERFLY BUSH

BUTTERFLY MILKWEED

JOE PYE WEED

LIATRIS

PENTAS

VERBENA BONARIENSIS

ZINNIA

ASTER

CONEFLOWER

GOLDENROD

HELIOTROPE

HOLLYHOCK

LANTANA

MARIGOLD

RUDBECKIA

In order to survive, butterflies need BOTH host and nectar plants.

Host Plants: Plants that butterflies are dependent on for reproduction and are also a food source for emerging caterpillars. (Each species of butterfly requires a specific plant to reproduce). Be prepared for heavy munching on host plants once caterpillars start feeding.

Nectar Plants: Plants that are a food source for many different species of butterflies.. Some nectar plants may be used as host plants by certain species of butterflies. (ex. Monarchs use milkweed as both a host and nectar plant)

