

GREAT RESOURCES

www.npwrc.usgs.gov/resource/distr/lepid/bflyusa/bflyuse.htm

(includes photos/information on butterfly species in Idaho)



<http://imnh.isu.edu/digitalatlas/bio/insects/butrflly/key/key.htm>

(step-by-step process to identify butterflies)



<http://www.pnl.gov/ecology/Gallery/Btrfly.htm>



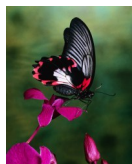
www.wsu.edu/DrUniverse/bfly.html



www.wildflower.org

www.idahobotanicalgarden.org

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Growing Your Own Butterfly Garden



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About Butterflies



Butterflies are not only beautiful, they are also incredibly interesting! Their lifespan depends upon their species.

Some live less than a week, others as long as two years. During their lifespan, they undergo a complete four-stage metamorphosis: from egg, to larva, to pupa, and finally, to adult. Most fly only during the day on wings that are made of pigmented scales. The scales scatter light into the colors that we see and even some colors, like ultraviolet, that we don't.

There are over 150 species of butterflies in Idaho. The Monarch butterfly (*Danaus plexippus*) may be found throughout most of Idaho and was adopted in 1992 as the official State Insect of Idaho.

When deciding which plants to use in your butterfly garden, consider plants that provide for butterflies throughout their lifespan: flowers with nectar for the adults, plants that shelter their eggs and plants that feed their larvae.

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Plants to Attract Butterflies

Butterflies are attracted to flowers of many colors, shapes, and sizes. Yellow, blue, purple and sometimes red blossoms with flat surfaces, clustered florets and large-lipped petals are their favorites. They also prefer sunny areas that are well protected from the wind.

The following are a few flowers and shrubs that are known to be attractive to butterflies and may be grown in many areas of Idaho (check zone rating before planting):

Perennials

Allium	Lilacs
Artemisia	Lobelia
Aster	Lousewort
Azalea	Mallows
Bellflower	Mock Orange
Blanket Flower	New Jersey Tea
Bluebeard	Pansy
Bougainvillea	Pincushion Flower
Bush Cinquefoil	Primrose
Butterfly Weed	Pussytoes
Buttonbushes	Rockcresses
Canytuft	Violet Sage
Chrysanthemum	False Spirea
Coffeeberry	Phododendron
Cotoneaster	Rose
Purple Coneflower	Rose of Sharon
Dahlia	Saltbushes
Gloriosa Daisy	Spicebushes
Glossy Abelia	Spirea
Shasta Daisy	Statice
Gayfeather	Stonecrop
Goldenrod	Sunflowers
Grasses	Tickseed
False Indigos	Verbena
Jacob's Ladder	Birburnum
Lamb's Ears	Wisteria
Lantana	Yarrow

Annuals

Aster
Beggar-ticks
Candytuft
Chrysanthemum
Cornflower
Cosmos
Cudweeds
Floss Flower
False Foxglove
Grasses
Heliotrope
Knapweeds
Lamb's Quarters
Lobelia
Marigold
Sweet Pea
Phlox
Pincushion Flower
Salvia
Statice
Sunflower
Sweet Alyssum
Tickseed
Verbena

