

Plants in the Bulverde/Spring Branch Library Butterfly Garden - October 28, 2009

TREES

- Cedar / Ash Juniper (*Juniperus ashei*) - Host for juniper hairstreak
- Texas Mountain Laurel (*Sophora secundiflora*) – Nectar
- Texas Redbud (*Cercis canadensis* var. *texensis*) - Host for Henry's elfin
- Texas Red Oak (*Quercus texana*) - Host for skippers, Northern Oak Hairstreak, Juvenal's duskywing

SHRUBS

- Autumn Sage (*Salvia greggi*) - Nectar
- Esperanza / Yellow Bells (*Tacoma stans*) - Nectar
- Flame Acanthus (*Anisacanthus wrightii*) - Host for Vesta Crescent and Texan Crescent butterflies, nectar
- Jerusalem Sage (*Phlomis fruticosa*) – Nectar
- Purple Sage / Cenizo (*Leucophyllum frutescens*) – Nectar
- Red Yucca (*Hesperaloe parviflora*) – Nectar
- Turk's Cap (*Malvaviscus arboreus* var. *Drummondii*) – Nectar
- White Mistflower (*Eupatorium havanense*) - Nectar
- Yucca, twist leaf (*Yucca rupicola*) - Nectar for night-pollinating moth - Host for Kendall's yucca skipper

HERBS

- Dill (*Anethum graveolens*) - Host for black swallowtail
- Garlic Chives (*Allium tuberosa*) – Host plant for many species of butterflies
- Onion Chives (*Allium schoenoprasum*) - Host plant for many species of butterflies
- Oregano - (*Origanum vulgare*) – Nectar
- Parsley (*Petroselinum crispum*) - Host for black swallowtail

VINES

- Hyacinth Bean (*Dolichos lablab*) – Nectar
- Maroon passionflower (*Passiflora* sp. "Lady Margaret") - Host for gulf fritillary, Julia heliconian, zebra longwing
- Morning Glory (*Ipomoea violacea* var. "Scarlett O'Hara") - Nectar
- Pipevine (*Aristolochia macrophylla*) - Favorite host for pipevine swallowtail
- Purple passionflower (*Passiflora incarnata*) - Host for gulf fritillary, Julia heliconian, zebra longwing

GRASSES

- Fountain Grass (*Pennisetum alopecuroides*) - Shelter for butterflies

FLOWERS (Annuals and perennials)

- Bee Balm (*Monarda didyma*) - Nectar
- Blackfoot Daisy (*Melampodium leucanthum*) - Nectar
- Bluebonnet (*Lupinus texensis*) – Nectar
- Blue Mealy Cup Sage (*Salvia farinacea*) – Nectar
- Blue Mistflower (*Eupatorium greggii*) - Nectar for monarch, queen, skippers, and buckeye - Helpful during fall migration
- Butterfly Blue / Pincushion Flower (*Scabiosa*) – Nectar
- Butterfly Weed (*Asclepias tuberosa*) - Host plant to monarchs
- Common Sunflower (*Helianthus annuus*) – Nectar
- Coreopsis (*Coreopsis lanceolata*) - Nectar
- Egyptian Star Clusters (*Pentas lanceolata*) – Nectar
- Larkspur (*Consolida ambigua*) – Nectar
- Liatris - Gayfeather (*L. macronata*) - important nectar plant for butterflies and hummingbirds during fall migration
- Lyre-leaf Salvia (*S. lyrata*) – Nectar

FLOWERS (Continued...)

- Marigold (*Tagetes* sp) - Host for dainty sulphur
- Maximilian sunflower (*Helianthus maximiliani*) - Nectar for painted lady
- Mexican Bush Salvia (*Salvia leucantha*) – Nectar
- Mexican Hat (*Ratibida columnifera*) – Nectar
- Mexican Mint Marigold (*Tagetes lucida*) - Nectar
- Mexican Petunia ((*Ruellia brittoniana* var. "Katie") - Nectar
- Native Lantana (*L. horrida*) - Host for painted lady - Nectar for fritillary, swallowtail, queen, monarch, gray hairstreak - Northern cardinals eat ripe fruit
- Native Prairie Verbena (*Verbena bipinnatifida*) - Nectar
- Obedient Plant (*Physostegia virginiana*) - Nectar
- Purple Coneflower (*Echinacea purpurea*) - a perfect "platform" for butterflies - Nectar
- Purple Eupatorium (*E. Odorata* now *Chromolaena odorata*) - Nectar for monarchs, skippers
- Purple Lantana (*Lantana montevidensis*) - Nectar for fritillary, swallowtail, queen, monarch, gray hairstreak
- Lady in Red or Coral Nymph (*Salvia coccinea*) – Nectar
- Texas Betony (*Stachys coccinea*) - Nectar
- Tickseed (*Coreopsis lanceolata*) - Nectar
- Yarrow (*Achillea millefolium*) – Nectar
- Zexmenia (*Wedelia hispida*) - Larval food for bordered patch, Sierra metalmark and lacinia patch



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References and recommended reading:

- *Butterflies of North America* by Jim P. Brock and Kenn Kaufman
- *Butterflies of Houston & southeast Texas* by John and Gloria Tveten
- *Native and Adapted Landscape Plants, an earth-wise guide for Central Texas* by City of Autsin and Texas Cooperative Extension
- *Native Texas Plants* by Sally and Andy Wasowski
- *Plants for Texas* by Howard Garrett
- *How to Grow Native Plants of Texas and the Southwest* by Jill Nokes
- *Texas Wildflowers* by Campbell and Lynn Loughmiller
- *Passalong Plants* by Steve Bender
- *The New Book of Salvias* by Betsy Clebsch
- *Tough-as-Nails Flowers of the South* by Norman Winter
- *Trees, Shrubs and Vines of the Texas Hill Country* by Jan Wrede
- *Wildflowers of the Texas Hill Country* by Marshall Enquest
- *Wildflowers, Trees, and Shrubs of Texas* by Delena Tull and George Oxford Miller
- *Wildflowers of Texas* by Geyata Ajilvsgi
- *The Southern Living Garden Book* by Steve Bender

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