Gardening for Hummingbirds, Butterflies, and Moths

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Total Area Occupied by Monarch Colonies At Overwintering Sites in Mexico

Data from 1994-2003 were collected by personnel of the Monarch Butterfly Biosphere Reserve (MBBR) of the National Commission of Protected Natural Areas (CONANP) in Mexico. Data from 2004-2018 were collected by the WWF-Telcel Alliance, in coordination with the Directorate of the MBBR. 2000-01 population number as reported by Garcia-Serrano et. al (The Monarch Butterfly : Biology and Conservation, 2004)
Native Flowers for Pollinators by Season
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Hummingbirds – Pollinate and feed on soft-bodied insects and their eggs

Butterflies and Moths – Pollinate, provide food source for other animals and the larvae eat weedy plants
The Needs of Butterflies

Host Plants – Nesting place for their:
- Eggs
- Nectar plants for food supply
Host Plants

- Milkweed
- Parsley
- Hollyhock
- Dill
Host Plants

Snapdragons

Violets

Everlasting

Switchgrass
Nectar Plants

Bee Balm

Lavender

Scented Herbs
Early Spring

Creeping Phlox

Woodland Phlox
Early Spring
Wild Geranium
Early Spring

Field Pussytoes

Golden Ragwort
Spring
Wild Red Columbine
Spring

Spiderwort
Spring
False Blue Indigo
Late Spring/Early Summer
Milkweed - Common
Late Spring/Early Summer
Milkweed - Swamp
Late Spring/Early Summer
Butterfly Weed
Late Spring/Early Summer

Cardinal Flower
Late Spring/Early Summer

Evening Primrose
Late Spring/Early Summer
Foxglove Beardtongue
Summer

Bee Balm
Summer Coneflowers
Summer

Black Eyed Susan
Summer

Blazing Stars
Summer
Common Sneezeweed
Summer

Thin Leaf

Sunflower

Swamp

Woodland

Oxeye
Summer

White Turtle Head

Nodding Onion
Summer

Black and White Snakeroot

Wood Lily
Summer

Obedient Plant
Summer

Horse Mint

Coral Bells
Summer

Salvia

Eastern Prickly Cactus
Late Summer/Early Fall
Goldenrods

Zig Zag

Dwarf
Late Summer/Early Fall
Joe Pye Weed
Late Summer/Early Fall

Asters

New England

Flat-Top

Dense
Late Summer/Early Fall

Aromatic Aster

Smooth Wild Blue
Late Summer/Early Fall

New York Ironweed

Moonbeam coreopsis

Yellow Ironweed

Coreopsis

Milkweed seed pod
Late Summer/Early Fall

Blue Lobelia