

BUTTERFLY GARDEN PLANTS



Plant Information – all plants native to Michigan
except where noted

Butterfly Garden Plants - Perennials

Yarrow –
Achillea
millefolium

1-2' tall

Blooms: Jul-Aug



Nodding Wild
Onion – *Allium*
cernuum

1' tall

Blooms: Jul-Aug

Blue star –
Amsonia *taber-*
naemontana

2-3' tall

Blooms: May-Jun

Not native to MI



Wild Columbine
– *Aquilegia*
canadensis

2-3' tall

Blooms: May-Jul

Butterfly Garden Plants – Perennials

Wild ginger –
Asarum canadense

6" tall

Shade-loving
groundcover



Poke Milkweed –
Asclepias exaltata

3-4' tall

Blooms: Jul-Aug



Swamp
Milkweed –
Asclepias incarnata

3-4' tall

Blooms: Jul-Aug



Butterfly
milkweed –
Asclepias tuberosa

2-3' tall

Blooms: Jun-Jul



Butterfly Garden Plants – Perennials

Astilbe – *Astilbe chinensis*

2-3' tall

Shade-tolerant

Not native to MI



Wild Indigo – *Baptisia tinctoria*

2-3' tall

Blooms Jun-Aug

Bluebeard – *Caryopteris x clandonensis*

2-3' tall

Blooms Aug-Sep

Not native to MI



Blue mistflower– *Conoclinium coelestinum*

2-3' tall

Blooms Aug-Oct

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Sand Coreopsis
– *Coreopsis lanceolata*

2-3' tall

Blooms Jun-Aug



Tall Tickseed –
Coreopsis tripteris

4-10' tall

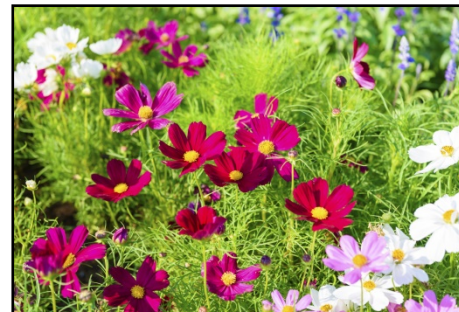
Blooms Jul-Aug

Moonbeam
Coreopsis–
Coreopsis verticillata
'Moonbeam'

1-2' tall

Blooms Jun-Aug

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Cosmos –
Cosmos sulphureus

2-5' tall

Blooms Jul-Sep

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Butterfly Garden Plants – Perennials

Purple
Coneflower –
Echinacea
purpurea

3-4' tall

Blooms Jun-Aug



Spotted Joe-
Pye Weed –
Eupatorium
maculatum

4-5' tall

Blooms: Jul-Aug

Boneset –
Eupatorium
perfoliatum

4-6' tall

Blooms: Jul-Sep



Joe-Pye Weed
– *Eupatorium*
purpureum

4-6' tall

Blooms: Jul-Sep

Butterfly Garden Plants – Perennials

Wild
Strawberry –
Fragaria
virginiana

6-12" tall

Blooms: May



False Sunflower
– *Heliopsis*
helianthoides

4-6' tall

Blooms Jul-Sep



Sneezeweed –
Helenium
autumnale

3-5' tall

Blooms: Aug-Oct



Virginia
Waterleaf –
Hydrophyllum
virginianum

1-3' tall

Blooms: May-Jun

Butterfly Garden Plants – Perennials

Hidcote
Lavender –
Lavendula
'Hidcote'

1-2' tall

Blooms Jun-Aug

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Kobold's
Blazing Star –
Liatris spicata
'Kobold'

2-3' tall

Blooms: Jul-Aug

Cardinal flower
– *Lobelia*
cardinalis

2-4' tall

Blooms: Jul-Aug



Great Blue
Lobelia– *Lobelia*
siphilitica

1-3' tall

Blooms: Jul-Sep

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Wild Bergamot
– *Monarda fistulosa*

2-4' tall



Horsemint –
Monarda punctata

1-2' tall

Blooms Jul-Sep



Golden ragwort
– *Packera aureus*

18-24" tall

Blooms: May-
Jun



Foxglove
Beardtongue –
Penstemon digitalis

3-4' tall

Blooms: Jun-Jul



Butterfly Garden Plants – Perennials

Woodland
Phlox – *Phlox
divaricata*

1-2' tall

Blooms May-Jun



Prairie Phlox –
Phlox pilosa

1-2' tall

Blooms May-Jul



Jeana Phlox –
Phlox paniculata
'Jeana'

4-5' tall

Blooms: Summer

Not native



Mountain Mint –
*Pycnanthemum
virginianum*

2-4' tall

Blooms: Jul-Sep



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Orange
Coneflower –
Rudbeckia
fulgida

2-3' tall

Blooms: Aug-Oct



Black-eyed
Susan –
Rudbeckia hirta

2-3' tall

Blooms Jun-Sep

Meadow Sage –
Salvia nemorosa

1-2' tall

Blooms May-Jul

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Pincushion Flower
Blue – *Scabiosa*
spp.

12-18" tall

Blooms: May-Sep

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Little bluestem –
Schizachyrium
scoparium

2-3' tall

Blooms Aug



Autumn Joy
Sedum - *Sedum*
'Herbstfreude'

1-2' tall

Blooms Aug

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Cupplant –
Silphium
perfoliatum

4-7' tall

Blooms: Jul-Sep



Prairie Dock –
Silphium
terrebinthinaceum

3-8' tall

Blooms: Aug-Oct



Butterfly Garden Plants – Perennials

Showy
Goldenrod –
*Solidago
speciosa*

2-5' tall

Blooms: Aug-Oct



Heart-leaved
Aster –
*Symphotrichum
cordifolium*

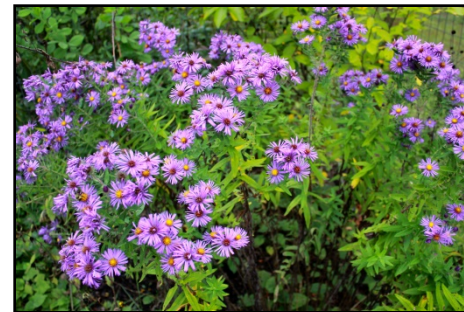
2-3' tall

Blooms: Aug-Sep

Smooth Aster –
*Symphyotrichum
laeve*

2-4' tall

Blooms Aug-Oct



New England
Aster –
*Symphotrichum
novae-angliae*

3-6' tall

Blooms: Aug-Sep

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Prairie Heart-leaved Aster –
Symphotrichum oolentangiense

2-3' tall

Blooms: Aug-Sep



Mexican Sunflower –
Tithonia diversifolia or
rotundifolia

4-6' tall

Blooms Jul-Sep

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Spiderwort –
Tradescantia ohiensis

2-2.5' tall

Blooms May-Jul



Ironweed –
Vernonia missurica

4-6' tall

Blooms: Aug-Sep

Not native



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Zinnia – *Zinnia elegans*

36" tall

Blooms: Aug-Sep

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Golden Alexander –
Zizia aurea

2-3' tall

Blooms: May-Jun

Butterfly Garden Plants - Herbs

Dill – *Anethum graveolens*

2-3' tall

Blooms: Jul-Aug

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Fennel – *Foeniculum vulgare*

3-5' tall

Blooms: Jul-Aug

Not native to MI



Hyssop – *Hyssopus officinalis*

2-3' tall

Blooms: Jul-Sep

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Walker's Low catmint – *Nepeta* 'Walker's Low Junior)

1.5-2' tall

Blooms: Jun-Jul

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Butterfly Garden Plants - Herbs

Oregano –
*Origanum
laevigatum*

6-9" tall

Blooms: Jun-Sep

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Sweet marjoram
– *Origanum
majorana*

9-12" tall

Blooms: Jun-Sep

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Parsley –
*Petroselinum
crispum*

9-12" tall

Blooms: Summer

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Rosemary –
*Rosmarinus
officinalis*

2-6' tall

Blooms: Jun-Jul

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Rue – *Ruta graveolens*

2-4" tall

Blooms: Jun-Aug

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Savory – *Satureja hortensis*

12-18" tall

Blooms: Jul-Sep

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Sage – *Salvia officinalis*

1-2.5" tall

Blooms: June

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Thyme – *Thymus vulgaris*

6-12" tall

Blooms: Jun-Aug

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Spicebush – *Lindera benzoin*

Size: 6-12 ft tall
and wide

Flowers: Yellow

Fall color:
Yellow

Blooms: Apr-May

Larval Host of
Spicebush
Swallowtail
butterfly

