

Native Plants for Butterflies

Attracting butterflies to your landscape is a matter of providing the right habitat. This certainly includes flowers, but also includes plants used by the less attractive stage in the butterfly's life – the larva. By using native plants to attract the butterflies you are not only protecting the sense of place on Spring Island and ensuring a better chance of plant survival, but also more closely matching needs of the butterflies which have historically inhabited this area.

Herbaceous Plants

Butterfly-weed	<i>Asclepias tuberosa</i>
Swamp Milkweed	<i>Asclepias incarnata</i>
Gayfeather	<i>Liatris pycnostachya</i> or <i>spicata</i>
Mistflower	<i>Eupatorium coelestinum</i>
Purple Coneflower	<i>Echinacea purpurea</i>
Black-eyed Susan	<i>Rudbeckia hirta</i>
Tickseed	<i>Coreopsis lanceolata</i>
Beebalm	<i>Monarda didyma</i>
Stokes Aster	<i>Stokesia laevis</i>
Summer Phlox	<i>Phlox paniculata</i>
Verbenas	<i>Verbena spp.</i>
Joe-pye-weed	<i>Eupatorium fistulosum</i>
Goldenrod	<i>Solidago sp.</i>
Swamp Sunflower	<i>Helianthus angustifolia</i>
Cardinal flower	<i>Lobelia cardinalis</i>
Seashore mallow	<i>Kosteletzkya virginica</i>
Horsemint	<i>Monarda punctata</i>
Lyreleaf Sage	<i>Salvia lyrata</i>
Trumpet Honeysuckle	<i>Lonicera sempervirens</i>
Yellow Jessamine	<i>Gelsemium sempervirens</i>

Woody Shrubs

Virginia Willow	<i>Itea virginica</i>
Button-bush	<i>Cephalanthus occidentalis</i>
Native Azaleas	<i>Rhododendron canescens</i> and <i>R. austrinum</i>
Clethra	<i>Clethra alnifolia</i>
Walter's Viburnum	<i>Viburnum obovatum</i>
Sparkleberry	<i>Vaccinium arboreum</i>



Eupatorium coelestinum



Liatris with Cloudless Sulfur Butterfly



Larval Food Plants

Gulf Fritillary and Zebra Longwing:

Passionflower *Passiflora spp.*

Monarch:

Milkweeds *Asclepias spp.*

Tiger Swallowtail (State Butterfly):

Tulip Tree *Liriodendron tulipifera*

Sassafras *Sassafras albidum*

Sweetbay Magnolia *Magnolia virginiana*

Spicebush:

Sassafras *Sassafras albidum*

Tulip Poplar *Liriodendron tulipifera*

Giant Swallowtail:

Toothache Tree *Zanthoxylum clava-herculis*

Sweetbay Magnolia *Magnolia virginiana*

Henry's Elfin Butterfly:

Sparkleberry *Vaccinium arboreum*

Yaupon Holly *Ilex vomitoria*

American Holly *Ilex opaca*

Great Purple and Olive Hairstreak:

Red Cedar *Juniperus virginiana*

Yucca Giant Skipper:

Spanish Bayonet *Yucca aloifolia*



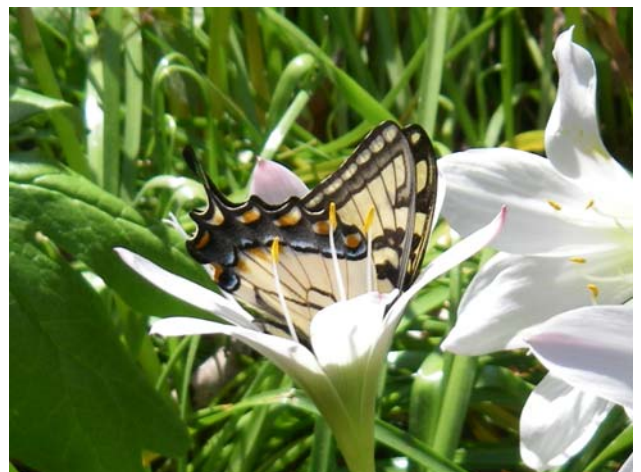
Gulf Fritillary caterpillar



Monarch Butterfly on Asclepias



Giant Swallowtail larva



Tiger Swallowtail on Atamasco Lily