

Untamed Science—How to Create a Butterfly Garden

Objectives: Students will learn how plants survive by caring for the plants in their garden and learn the importance of pollinators through observation after planting their garden.

You will need:

- A sunny, pesticide free spot to plant flowers
- Native plants that attract butterflies



Butterflies are important pollinators in North America and are beautiful to watch. By creating a habitat for them in your yard you can help keep their populations up. When thinking of what exactly to put in your garden, native flowers are best to plant so that we don't encourage the growth and reproduction of invasive plants in a habitat where they don't belong.

Follow the Untamed Science video to learn how to put together a butterfly garden and see below for some suggestions of specific plants that will attract our pollinator friends.

A great resource to find even more information is your state's cooperative extension. (https://www.ces.ncsu.edu/)

- Butterfly Bush (Picture 3)
- Columbine
- Coreopsis (Picture 4)
- Echinacea (Picture 2)
- Gaillardia
- Garden Phlox
- Lantana
- Milkweed (Picture 1)
- Salvia
- Zinnia







