A comprehensive butterfly garden should have both host and larval plants for the caterpillars and nectar plants for the butterflies to feed on.

### Nectar Plants

**Shrubs**
- Chinese Abelia *Abelia chinensis*

**Perennials**
- Swamp milkweed *Asclepias incarnata* H, N
- Butterflyweed *Asclepias tuberosa* H, N
- Blazing star *Liatris spicata* H, N
- Purple coneflower *Echinacea purpurea* N
- Narrowleaf ironweed *Vernonia lettermanii* N
- Lantana *Lantana camara* ‘Miss Huff’
- Great Blue Lobelia *Lobelia siphilitica* N
- Garden Phlox *Phlox* species N
- *Creeping Phlox* *Phlox subulata* N
- *Creeping Verbena* *Glandularia canadensis* ‘Homestead Purple’ N
- Stokes’ aster *Stokesia laevis* N
- Showy stonecrop *Hylotelephium spectabile*

*early blooming  H=host plant  N=native

### Annuals

- Mexican sunflower *Tithonia rotundifolia*
- Vinca *Catharanthus roseus* ‘Peppermint Cooler’
- Zinnias, various cultivars (single-flowered form)
- Creeping Lantana *Lantana montevidensis*

### Host Plants

**Native Trees**
- Black cherry *Prunus serotina*
- Hackberry *Celtis occidentalis*
- Sassafras *Sassafras albidum*
- Sweet Bay Magnolia *Magnolia virginiana*
- Tulip Poplar *Liriodendron tulipifera*
- Winged elm *Ulmus alata*

**Native Shrubs**
- Northern spicebush *Lindera benzoin*

**Perennials**
- Milkweeds *Asclepias*, many species

**Annuals & Herbs**
- Bronze Fennel
- Parsley
- Snapdragon

### Stages:

- Egg 4-10 days
- Caterpillar 2-4 weeks,
- Chrysalis 6-14 days
- Butterfly 6-14 days

- Butterflies roost in trees on cool, rainy days and at night
- They can lay up to 200 eggs, two of which may survive