The southeastern United States is home to a spectacular array of native flowering plants. These plants support a healthy environment and add beauty to our wild lands, gardens, and greenspaces. Invite butterflies into your yard by including nectar plants for adult butterflies, hummingbirds, bees and other pollinators. Native flowering plants offer a bounty of resources to help support butterflies, while gardens cannot replace natural habitat, a diverse landscape full of native flowering plants. These plants support a healthy environment for butterflies and host plants for their larvae. While gardens cannot support butterflies into your yard by including nectar plants for adult butterflies, humm
Native plants:
- Require less irrigation once established
- Are adapted to the region’s soil types and climate
- Provide food and shelter for butterflies, birds, and other wildlife
- Require limited maintenance and pest control

Designing Your Garden:
- Garden in full sun and partial shade
- Check the sunlight, water, and soil needs of each plant to determine the best location
- Choose plants in a variety of colors, shapes, and sizes
- Choose plants with different heights and growth habits
- Select a variety of plants that bloom at different times
- Group plants of the same species
- Plant both butterfly host plants and nectar sources

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