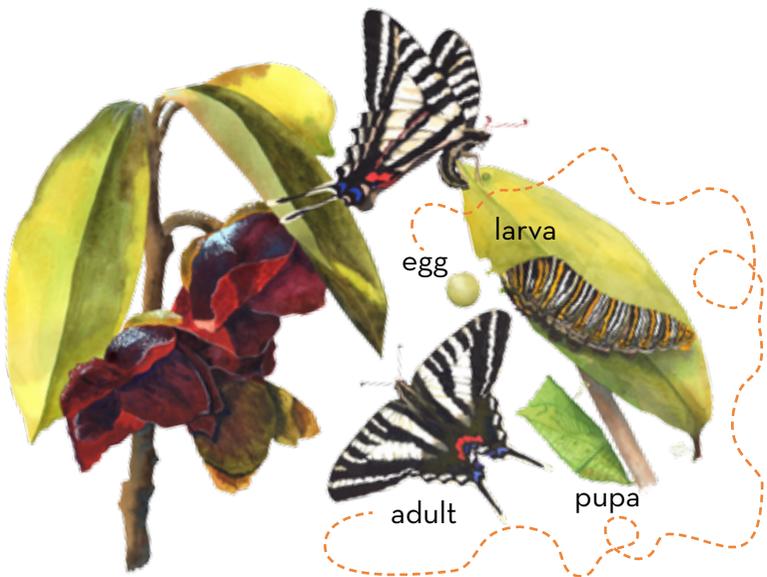


Flowering Plants & Butterflies: Southeast

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 and host plants for their larvae. While gardens cannot replace natural habitat, a diverse landscape full of native flowering plants offers a bounty of resources to help support butterflies, hummingbirds, bees and other pollinators.

Butterflies have four life stages: egg, larva (caterpillar), pupa (chrysalis), and adult. While adult butterflies tend to be generalists, sipping nectar from a range of colorful blossoms, their larvae are specialists, feeding only on specific host plants to complete development. The illustration below shows the life cycle of the Zebra Swallowtail (*Eurytides marcellus*) on its host plant, Pawpaw (*Asimina triloba*).



Southeast Region (LA, MS, GA, SC, NC, TN, VA, FL, AL)



Tiger Swallowtail
(*Papilio glaucus*)
(Male)



Zebra Swallowtail
(*Eurytides marcellus*)



Pipevine Swallowtail
(*Battus philenor*)



Spicebush Swallowtail
(*Papilio troilus*)



Giant Swallowtail
(*Heraclides cresphontes*)



Black Swallowtail
(*Papilio polyxenes*)



Palamedes Swallowtail
(*Papilio palamedes*)



Cloudless Sulphur
(*Phoebis sennae*)



Checkered White
(*Pontia protodice*)



Falcate Orangetip
(*Anthocharis midea*) (male)



Orange Sulphur
(*Colias eurytheme*)



Southern Dogface
(*Zerene cesonia*)



Sleepy Orange
(*Abaeis nicippe*)



Little Yellow
(*Pyrisitia lisa*)



Great Purple Hairstreak
(*Atlides halesus*)



Banded Hairstreak
(*Satyrion calanus*)



Henry's Elfin
(*Callophrys henrici*)



White M Hairstreak
(*Parrhasius m-album*)



Gray Hairstreak
(*Strymon melinus*)



American Snout
(*Libytheana carinenta*)



Red-banded Hairstreak
(*Calycopis cecrops*)



Eastern Tailed-Blue
(*Everes comyntas*)



Summer Azure
(*Celastrina neglecta*)



Ceraunus Blue
(*Hemiargus ceraunus*)



Little Metalmark
(*Calephelis virginensis*)



Zebra Longwing
(*Heliconius charithonia*)



Gulf Fritillary
(*Agraulis vanillae*)



Great Spangled Fritillary
(*Speyeria cybele*)



Pearl Crescent
(*Phyciodes tharos*)



Phaon Crescent
(*Phyciodes phaon*)



Question Mark
(*Polygonia interrogationis*)



Mourning Cloak
(*Nymphalis antiopa*)



Red Admiral
(*Vanessa atalanta*)



American Lady
(*Vanessa virginensis*)



Common Buckeye
(*Junonia coenia*)



Red-spotted Purple
(*Limenitis arthemis astyanax*)



Viceroy
(*Limenitis archippus*)



Hackberry Emperor
(*Asterocampa celtis*)



Southern Pearly-eye
(*Enodia portlandia*)



Carolina Satyr
(*Hermeuptychia sosybius*)



Little Wood Satyr
(*Megisto cymela*)



Common Wood-Nymph
(*Cercyonis pegala*)



Monarch
(*Danaus plexippus*)



Long-tailed Skipper
(*Urbanus proteus*)



Silver-spotted Skipper
(*Epargyreus clarus*)



Horace's Duskywing
(*Erynnis horatius*)



Yucca Giant-skipper
(*Megathymus yuccae*)



Common/White Checkered Skipper
(*Pyrgus communis/P. albescens*)

A great variety of native plants are excellent for landscaping. They can be planted in small containers or over several acres.

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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

h icon indicates the species also serve as host plants for butterfly larvae. The native flowering plants pictured provide nectar and/or pollen resources for adult butterflies, bees and other pollinators.

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Butterfly Milkweed
(*Asclepias tuberosa*)



Yellow Thistle
(*Cirsium horridulum*)



Spotted Water Hemlock
(*Cicuta maculata*)



Wild Bergamot
(*Monarda fistulosa*)



Pawpaw
(*Asimina triloba*)



Summer Farewell
(*Dalea pinnata*)



Redring Milkweed
(*Asclepias variegata*)



Purple Passionflower
(*Passiflora incarnata*)



American Wisteria
(*Wisteria frutescens*)



Spotted Beebalm
(*Monarda punctata*)



Southern Dewberry
(*Rubus trivialis*)



Black Locust
(*Robinia pseudoacacia*)



False Indigo Bush
(*Amorpha fruticosa*)



Blue Mistflower
(*Conoclinium coelestinum*)



Partridge Pea
(*Chamaecrista fasciculata*)



Wild Blue Phlox
(*Phlox divaricata*)



Eastern Redbud
(*Cercis canadensis*)



Giant Ironweed
(*Vernonia gigantea*)



Mountain Azalea
(*Rhododendron canescens*)



Button Eryngo
(*Eryngium yuccifolium*)



Oblongleaf Snakeherb
(*Dyschoriste oblongifolia*)



Pickernelweed
(*Pontederia cordata*)



Obedient Plant
(*Physostegia virginiana*)



Swamp Milkweed
(*Asclepias incarnata*)



Common Buttonbush
(*Cephalanthus occidentalis*)



Blackeyed Susan
(*Rudbeckia hirta*)



Indian Blanket
(*Gaillardia pulchella*)



Chickasaw Plum
(*Prunus angustifolia*)



Beach False Foxglove
(*Agalinis fasciculata*)



Flowering Dogwood
(*Cornus florida*)



Carolina Vetch
(*Vicia caroliniana*)



New Jersey Tea
(*Ceanothus americanus*)



Mountain Laurel
(*Kalmia latifolia*)



Hoary Mountainmint
(*Pycnanthemum incanum*)



Climbing Hempvine
(*Mikania scandens*)



Black Cherry
(*Prunus serotina*)



Scarlet Indian Paintbrush
(*Castilleja coccinea*)



Spurred Butterfly Pea
(*Centrosema virginianum*)



Dense Blazing Star
(*Liatris spicata*)



Yellow Fringed Orchid
(*Platanthera ciliaris*)



Farkleberry
(*Vaccinium arboreum*)



Maryland Senna
(*Senna marilandica*)



Common Blue Violet
(*Viola sororia*)



Trumpetweed
(*Eutrochium fistulosum*)



Cardinal-flower
(*Lobelia cardinalis*)



Golden Zizia
(*Zizia aurea*)



Swamp Sunflower
(*Helianthus angustifolius*)



Purple Coneflower
(*Echinacea purpurea*)



Forked Bluecurls
(*Trichostema dichotomum*)



Coastal Plain Willow
(*Salix caroliniana*)



Common Yarrow
(*Achillea millefolium*)



Woman's Tobacco
(*Antennaria plantaginifolia*)