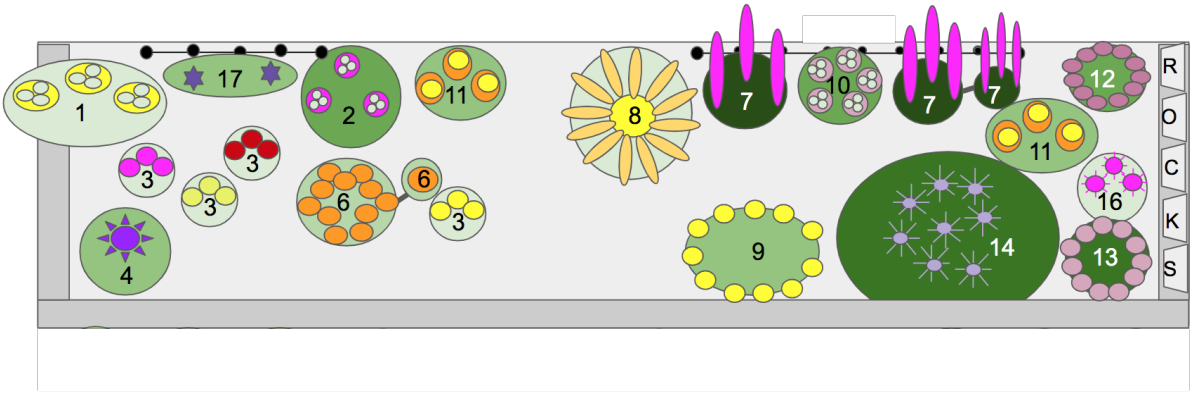
BUTTERFLY GARDEN



Many flowering plants will attract butterflies to your location, but not all flowers are created equally in the eyes of a butterfly. Selecting plants that will feed butterflies while encouraging them to stick around for a while, laying eggs, and creating a new generation of butterflies, is your goal. To do this, you will need to choose plants that fall into two groups: • nectar-rich plants that provide adult butterflies with energy • caterpillar food plants that will feed growing caterpillars With a careful selection from these two groups, your garden will provide for the entire life cycle of butterflies. The relationship between butterflies, caterpillars, and the plants they use for food is not a casual one. Caterpillars will use only certain plants for food. Additionally, butterflies are equally picky about what plants they will select to lay their eggs. To encourage caterpillars in the garden, gardeners need only choose the plants that caterpillars prefer that grow in their USDA zone. Nature and chemistry will take care of the rest. Avoid using pesticides and herbicides in the vicinity of your butterfly garden.

1. Rue, Ruta graveolens
2. removed
3.Echinacea purpurea Purple Coneflower
4. Ironweed, Vernonia fasciculata
5. Tall Garden Phlox, Phlox paniculata 'Uptown Girl'
6. Bronze Fennel *Foeniculum vulgare Purpurea*
7. Blazing Star, Liatris spicata (3x)
8 .Stiff Goldenrod, Solidago rigida
9. Mexican hat Ratibida columnifera
10. Joe Pye Weed *Eutrochium spp*
11. Mexican Sunflower, *Tithonia rotundifolia*
12.. Swamp Milkweed, Asclepias incarnata
13. Blue Mistflower, Conoclinium coelestinum
14. Common Milkweed, *Asclepias syriaca*
15. removed
16. Common Blue Violet *Viola sororia*
17. Purple Passion flower, *Passiflora incarnate*