



# Create a Butterfly Garden

Butterfly gardens require three key elements: host plants, nectar plants and a safe habitat. Host plants are the food source for butterflies in the caterpillar life stage and nectar plants feed adult butterflies. A safe butterfly habitat will include shelter from the wind, fresh water and sunny open spaces with both host and nectar plants.

## Host Plants:

- **Milkweed** for Monarch & Queen
- **Dill or Fennel** for Black Swallowtail
- **Passion Flower Vine** for Gulf Fritillary
- **Pipevine** for Pipevine Swallowtail
- **Butterfly Pea Vine** for Sleepy Orange, Gray Hairstreak, Southern Dogface, Long-tailed Skipper
- **Sunflowers** for American Lady

## Nectar Plants:

- Gregg’s Mistflower
- Salvia
- Zinnia
- Gomphrena
- Coneflower
- Lantana
- Yarrow
- White Mistflower
- Fall Aster
- Sunflower
- Turk’s Cap
- Phlox
- Mexican Flame Vine
- Blanket Flower
- Zexmenia
- Mexican Bush Sage
- Rudbeckia
- Flame Acanthus

Hood County is directly in the Monarch migration path. It is vitally important that Milkweed (the sole host plant for Monarchs) be included in a butterfly garden. However, a garden doesn’t need all of these plants to attract butterflies. Start with just a few host plants and nectar plants!

Looking for more garden inspiration? Curious how these plants look in a garden? The **Lake Granbury Master Gardener Demonstration and Research Garden** is open 7 days a week and is free to the public!



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