



Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center

Butterfly Gardening Resources

Educating people about the environmental necessity, economic value, and natural beauty of native plants

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Butterfly gardening is an “environment friendly” approach to landscaping, using locally adapted native plants and non-toxic alternatives to pesticides. Butterflies are attracted to flowers of all shapes, sizes, colors and fragrances. They usually prefer flowers with yellow, blue, purple, and occasionally red blossoms. Flowers with flat surfaces, clustered florets, or large-lipped petals provide the best conditions for perching, and a greater density of flower heads attracts more butterflies than single flowers. Most butterflies frequent open, sunny areas that are protected from the wind. A combination of native wildflowers, shrubs, trees and grasses that bloom from early spring through late summer will keep butterflies well-fed throughout the seasons. Resources available for studying butterflies include:

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Organizations

Butterflies of the World website (Argentina):
www.mariposasdelmundo.com/

Butterfly Lovers International

Dr. Stevanne Auerbach, Director,
210 Columbus Avenue,
San Francisco, CA 94133
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Endangered Butterflies website:

www.edutrek.net/endangeredbutterflies.html

The Lepidoptera Research Foundation, Inc.

9620 Heather Road
Beverly Hills, California 90210-1757
www.doylegroup.harvard.edu/~carlo/JRL/subscribe.html
Publishes the Journal of Research on Lepidoptera.

Lepidopterist's Society

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Publishes the Lepidopterist's Journal and New of the Lepidopterist's Society.

North American Butterfly Association

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