

Virginia Native Plants to Attract Butterflies

Trees

<i>Amelanchier</i> sp.	serviceberry
<i>Asimina triloba</i>	pawpaw
<i>Betula nigra</i>	river birch
<i>Carpinus caroliniana</i>	American hornbeam
<i>Celtis occidentalis</i>	northern hackberry
<i>Cercis canadensis</i>	eastern redbud
<i>Cornus florida</i>	dogwood sp.
<i>Gleditsia triacanthos</i>	honey locust
<i>Juglans nigra</i>	black walnut
<i>Liriodendron tulipifera</i>	tulip poplar
<i>Ostrya virginica</i>	American hophornbeam
<i>Oxydendron arboreum</i>	sourwood
<i>Prunus serotina</i>	black cherry
<i>Quercus</i> sp.	oaks
<i>Sassafras albidum</i>	sassafras
<i>Tilia americana</i>	basswood

Shrubs

<i>Aralia spinosa</i>	devil's walking stick
<i>Ceanothus americanus</i>	New Jersey tea
<i>Cephalanthus occidentalis</i>	buttonbush
<i>Clethra alnifolia</i>	summersweet
<i>Cornus</i> sp.	dogwood
<i>Ilex</i> sp.	native holly
<i>Kalmia latifolia</i>	mountain laurel
<i>Lindera benzoin</i>	spicebush
<i>Physocarpus opulifolius</i>	ninebark
<i>Rhododendron</i> sp.	native azaleas
<i>Rhus</i> sp.	sumac
<i>Vaccinium</i> sp.	blueberry
<i>Viburnum</i> sp.	viburnum

Ornamental Grasses

<i>Andropogon</i> sp.	bluestem
<i>Chasmanthium latifolium</i>	river oats
<i>Panicum virgatum</i>	switchgrass
<i>Saccharum giganteum</i>	giant plume grass
<i>Schizachyrium scoparium</i>	little bluestem

Vines

<i>Aristolochia macrophylla</i>	pipevine
<i>Passiflora incarnata</i>	passionflower
<i>Wisteria frutescens</i>	Atlantic wisteria

Herbaceous Perennials

<i>Actaea racemosa</i>	black cohosh
<i>Agastache nepetoides</i>	catnip giant hyssop
<i>Aquilegia canadensis</i>	wild columbine
<i>Aruncus dioicus</i>	goatsbeard
<i>Asclepias incarnata</i>	swamp milkweed
<i>Asclepias tuberosa</i>	butterfly weed
<i>Aster cordifolius</i>	heart-leaved aster
<i>Aster laevis</i>	smooth blue aster
<i>Aster novae-angliae</i>	New England aster
<i>Claytonia virginica</i>	spring beauty
<i>Eupatorium coelestinum</i>	blue mistflower
<i>Eupatorium fistulosum</i>	Joe pye weed
<i>Eupatorium perfoliatum</i>	boneset
<i>Geranium maculatum</i>	wild geranium
<i>Heliopsis helianthoides</i>	false sunflower
<i>Liatris spicata</i>	blazing star
<i>Lobelia cardinalis</i>	cardinal flower
<i>Monarda didyma</i>	bee balm
<i>Monarda fistulosa</i>	wild bergamot
<i>Phlox divaricata</i>	wild blue phlox
<i>Phlox paniculata</i>	garden phlox
<i>Phlox subulata</i>	moss phlox
<i>Physostegia virginiana</i>	false dragonhead
<i>Pycnanthemum incanum</i>	mountain mint
<i>Rudbeckia laciniata</i>	cutleaf coneflower
<i>Solidago</i> sp.	goldenrod
<i>Vernonia noveboracensis</i>	ironweed

Tips for Bird & Butterfly Gardening

- Plant species that flower & fruit at different times of the year to provide a constant supply of food.
- Plant in groups of 3 or more to allow for better pollination and visibility.
- Eliminate pesticide use.
- Limit the size of lawns.
- Provide a diversity of habitat. Layer vegetation by growing a variety of woody, herbaceous, and vine species.
- Build a brush pile to provide cover and shelter.
- Remove invasive plants and replace them with natives.
- Leave dead foliage of perennials to provide winter cover.