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WEST LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

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TOP BUTTERFLY NECTAR FLOWERS

A number in front of a flower name indicates a particularly recommended plant (1 = most recommended). Letters in "BLOOM SEASON" correspond to the season (S = Spring, X = summer, F = fall) and numbers to month (5 = May, 6 = June, 7 = July, etc.). Abbreviations: A = alien species, N = native species.

	FLOWER	HEIGHT	COLOR	BLOOM SEASON	ATTRACTED BUTTERFLIES	COMMENTS
	N Purple ceanothus <i>Ceanothus grisens</i>	shrub	purple	S	Cabbage White	
	A Bougainvillea <i>Bougainvillea</i>	vine	red, magenta	S-X	many species	
	N Sticky monkeyflower <i>Mimulus aurantiacus</i>	3-6'	orange	S-X	Checkerspots	
3	A Brazilian milkweed <i>Asclepias curassavica</i>	3'	red & orange	S-F	many species	
4	A Butterfly weed <i>Asclepias tuberosa</i>	2-3'	orange	S-F	many species, especially Monarch	
	A Cape plumbago <i>Plumbago capensis</i>	vine	blue	S-F	Hairstreaks	
2	A Lantana <i>Lantana camara,</i> <i>montevidensis</i>	3'	yellow, orange, white, purple	S-F	many species	
	A Lemon <i>Citrus</i>	16'	white	S-F	Gulf Fritillary, Mourning Cloak	
	A Lavender <i>Lavendula</i>	2-3'	purple	X	Cabbage White	
	A Verbena <i>Verbena</i>	1-4'	purple	X-F	Anise Swallowtail, Cabbage White, Gulf Fritillary, Mourning Cloak, monarch	
	A Mexican poppy <i>Argemone mexicana</i>	2'	pink	5-9	many species	
1	A Passionvine <i>Passiflora caerulea</i>	vine	blue		Gulf Fritillary	
	A Agapanthus <i>Agapanthus orientalis</i>	4'	blue	6-7	Swallowtails	

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NECTAR FLOWERS THAT DON'T WORK IN THIS REGION

Abbreviations: A = alien species, N = native species.

FLOWER	COMMENTS
A Butterfly bush <i>Buddleia</i>	Attracts moths
A Honeysuckle <i>Lonicera</i>	Mostly attracts bees
A Queen Anne's lace <i>Daucus carota</i>	Rain insufficient in this area for it to grow well
A/N Yarrow <i>Achillea millefolium</i>	

TOP CATERPILLAR FOOD PLANTS

A number in front of a plant name indicates a particularly recommended plant (1 = most recommended). Abbreviations: A = alien species, N = native species.

NAME	HEIGHT	BUTTERFLY CATERPILLARS	COMMENTS
A Butterfly weed <i>Asclepias tuberosa</i>	2-3'	Monarch	Easy to grow.
A Brazilian milkweed <i>Asclepias curassavica</i>	3'	Monarch	Easy to grow.
A Sweet fennel <i>Foeniculum vulgare</i>	4-8'	Anise Swallowtail	
A Passionvine <i>Passiflora caerulea</i>	vine	Gulf Fritillary	

COMMON BUTTERFLIES FOR YOUR GARDEN & YARD

A number in front of a butterfly name indicates a particularly likely species (1 = most expected to be seen). Numbers in "FLIGHT PERIOD" and "CATERPILLAR SEASON" correspond to the month (4 = April, 5 = May, etc.).

NAME	FLIGHT PERIOD	CATERPILLAR SEASON	CATERPILLAR FOOD PLANTS	COMMENTS
Anise Swallowtail <i>Papilio zelicaon</i>	1-12	1-12	Fennel and others in parsley family	
Cabbage White <i>Pieris rapae</i>	1-12	1-12	Cabbage (mustard) family	
Gulf Fritillary <i>Agraulis vanillae</i>	3-11	3-11	Passionvine	
Painted Lady <i>Vanessa cardui</i>	2-11	2-11	Mallows, thistles	
Monarch <i>Danaus plexippus</i>	1-12	1-12	Milkweeds	

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LOCAL & UNUSUAL BUTTERFLIES FOR YOUR GARDEN & YARD

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NAME	FLIGHT PERIOD	CATERPILLAR SEASON	CATERPILLAR FOOD PLANTS	COMMENTS
Giant Swallowtail <i>Papilio cresphontes</i>			Citrus	
Pale Swallowtail <i>Papilio eurymedon</i>	2-10	2-10	Ceanothus	
Mourning Cloak <i>Nymphalis antiopa</i>	1-12	1-12	Willows	
Red Admiral <i>Vanessa atalanta</i>	3-11	3-11	nettles	
Common Buckeye <i>Junonia coenia</i>	1-12	1-12	Plantain	

GENERAL COMMENTS ABOUT GARDENING IN THIS REGION

USDA ZONE: 10

Seasons are uneven and irregular. Some are too dry, in some the rains come too late. Every season seems to be different.

Gulf Fritillaries flying around passionvine, by Jeanette Lee Atkinson

