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WEST CENTRAL INDIANA (Terre Haute)

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TOP BUTTERFLY NECTAR FLOWERS

A number in front of a flower name indicates a particularly recommended plant (1 = most recommended). Numbers in "BLOOM SEASON" correspond to the month (4 = April, 5 = May, etc.). Abbreviations: A = alien species, N = native species.

	FLOWER	HEIGHT	COLOR	BLOOM SEASON	ATTRACTED BUTTERFLIES	COMMENTS
A	Lilac <i>Syringa vulgaris</i>	6'	lilac	4	Eastern Tiger Swallowtail Red Admiral	
A	Purple dead nettle <i>Lamium purpureum</i>	6"	purple	4	Monarch	
N	Flowering dogwood <i>Cornus florida</i>	10-30'	white	4-5	Red Admiral	
N	Garden phlox <i>Phlox paniculata</i>	30"	purple	5	Silver-spotted Skipper	
A	Honeysuckles <i>Lonicera</i>	4-8'	white	5	Cabbage White Spring Azure	
A	Hairy willow-herb <i>Epilobium hirsutum</i>	3'	pink	5-6	Monarch Silver-spotted Skipper	
N	Artemisia <i>Artemisia caudata</i>	2'	gray	6	Painted Lady	(laid eggs on it)
A	Catmint <i>Nepeta cataria</i>	5-6'	lavendar	6	Cabbage White	
A	China aster <i>Callistephus chinensis</i>	3'	many	6	Orange Sulphur Silver-spotted Skipper	
N/A	Delphiniums (larkspurs) <i>Delphinium</i>	3'	blue	6	Silver-spotted Skipper	
N	Veronica <i>Veronica americana</i>	2'	lavendar	6	Great Spangled Fritillary Silver-spotted Skipper	
A	Victorian sage <i>Salvia superba</i>	2'	purple	6	Cabbage White Silver-spotted Skipper	
N 2	Butterfly weed <i>Asclepias tuberosa</i>	2'	orange	6-7	Pipevine Swallowtail Eastern Tiger Swallowtail Great Spangled Fritillary Monarch	
A	Calendula <i>Calendula officinalis</i>	18"	yellow	6-7	Cabbage White, Painted Lady, Common Sootywing	
A	Lavatera (tree mallow) <i>Lavatera trimestris</i>	3'	white	6-7	Eastern Tiger Swallowtail Painted Lady	(laid eggs on it)

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N 3	Purple coneflower <i>Echinacea purpurea</i>	3'	purple	6-7	Eastern Tiger Swallowtail Great Spangled Fritillary Red Admiral	
A	Wild carrot <i>Daucus carota</i>	3-4'	white	6-7	Cabbage White Red Admiral	also known as Queen Anne's lace
N	Yarrow <i>Achillea millefolium</i>	3'	white,yellow	6-7	Cabbage White Great Spangled Fritillary	
N	Blazingstars <i>Liatris</i>	3'	purple	7	Eastern Tiger Swallowtail	
A	Cornflower <i>Centaurea cyanus</i>	30"	blue	7	Cabbage White	
N	False indigo <i>Baptisia leucantha</i>	3'	white	7	Common Sootywing	
A	French marigold <i>Tagetes patula</i>	18"	orange	7	Eastern Tiger Swallowtail	
A	Mexican marigold <i>Tagetes signata</i>	2'	various	7	Monarch Silver-spotted Skipper Common Sootywing	an annual
A	Salvia (red sage) <i>Salvia coccinea</i>	30"	red	7	Cabbage White	grow as annual
A	Stocks <i>Mathiola incana</i>	16"	many	7	Cabbage White	an annual
N/A	Thistles <i>Cirsium</i>	2'	purple	7	Silvery Checkerspot	
A 1	Butterfly bush <i>Buddleia davidii</i>	5'	purple	7-9	Pipevine Swallowtail Eastern Tiger Swallowtail Great Spangled Fritillary Painted Lady, Monarch	
N	Goldenrods <i>Solidago</i>	3'	yellow	9	Monarch	

NECTAR FLOWERS THAT DON'T WORK IN THIS REGION

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FLOWER	COMMENTS
A Cockscomb <i>Celosia cristata</i>	annual
A Cosmos <i>Cosmos</i>	annual
N Gaillardias <i>Gaillardia</i>	perennial

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A Heliotropes <i>Heliotropium</i>	annual
A Four o'clock <i>Mirabilis jalapa</i>	annual
A Moonflower <i>Ipomoea alba</i>	
A Nicotiana <i>Nicotiana glauca</i>	annual
A Shasta daisy <i>Chrysanthemum maximum</i>	perennial
A Snapdragon <i>Antirrhinum majus</i>	annual
N Sunflower <i>Helianthus annuus</i>	annual
A Tithonia <i>Tithonia rotundifolia</i>	annual
A Zinnias <i>Zinnia</i>	annual

TOP CATERPILLAR FOOD PLANTS

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NAME	HEIGHT	BUTTERFLY CATERPILLARS
A Bronze fennel <i>Foeniculum vulgare</i>	4'	Black Swallowtail
A Dill <i>Anethum graveolens</i>	4'	Black Swallowtail
N Hackberries <i>Celtis</i>	15'	Hackberry & Tawny Emperors
N Milkweeds <i>Asclepias</i>	2-4'	Monarch
N Violets <i>Viola</i>	6"	Great Spangled and other Fritillaries

COMMON BUTTERFLIES FOR YOUR GARDEN & YARD

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Pipevine Swallowtail <i>Battus philenor</i>	>4-9	5-9	pipevines

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NAME	FLIGHT PERIOD	CATERPILLAR SEASON	CATERPILLAR FOOD PLANTS
Black Swallowtail <i>Papilio polyxenes</i>	>4-<10	5-10	carrot, dill, fennel, parsley, and related
1 Eastern Tiger Swallowtail <i>Papilio glaucus</i>	4-9	4-9	ashes, sassafras, tulip tree, wild black cherry
Spicebush Swallowtail <i>Papilio troilus</i>	>4-9	5-9	sassafras, spicebush
Cabbage White <i>Pieris rapae</i>	4-10	4-10	cabbage (mustard) family
Clouded Sulphur <i>Colias philodice</i>	>4-11	5-11	clovers
Orange Sulphur <i>Colias eurytheme</i>	>4-11	5-11	alfalfa and other legumes
2 Great Spangled Fritillary <i>Speyeria cybele</i>	6-9	4-5	violets
Meadow Fritillary <i>Boloria bellona</i>	4-10	4-10	violets
Silvery Checkerspot <i>Chlosyne nycteis</i>	>5-<9	6-9	wing-stem, also sunflowers, asters, sneezeweed
Pearl Crescent <i>Phyciodes tharos</i>	5-10	5-10	asters
Painted Lady <i>Vanessa cardui</i>	5-10	5-10	thistles, hollyhocks, and related
Red Admiral <i>Vanessa atalanta</i>	>4-9	5-9	nettles
Red-spotted Purple <i>Limenitis arthemis (astyanax)</i>	m5-9	6-9	wild black cherry, also oaks, willows
Viceroy <i>Limenitis archippus</i>	>5-<10	6-10	poplars, willows, cottonwoods
Hackberry Emperor <i>Asterocampa celtis</i>	>5-m9	6-9	hackberries; also elms
3 Monarch <i>Danaus plexippus</i>	>4-10	5-10	milkweeds
Silver-spotted Skipper <i>Epargyreus clarus</i>	>4-9	5-9	black and honey locusts
Common Sootywing <i>Pholisora catullus</i>	5-m9	5-9	amaranth, lamb's-quarters

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LOCAL & UNUSUAL BUTTERFLIES FOR YOUR GARDEN & YARD

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Zebra Swallowtail <i>Eurytides marcellus</i>	4-<9	4-9	pawpaw
Giant Swallowtail <i>Papilio cressphontes</i>	5-9	4-9	prickly ash and related

GENERAL COMMENTS ABOUT GARDENING IN THIS REGION

USDA ZONE: 5

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