

Plant	Botanical Name	b, perennial, vine, gra	Benefit	Notes
Partridge Pea	<i>Chamaecrista fasciculata</i>	Annual	Host	Native sulfur host
Texas thistle	<i>Cirsium texana</i>	Annual	Host	Painted lady
Little bluestem	<i>Schizachyrium scoparium</i>	Grass	Host	Skippers. Accent plant. Tall, bluish bloom stems.
Pussytoes	<i>Antennaria parlinii fallax</i>	Perennial	Host	American lady
Zizotes milkweed	<i>Asclepias oenotheroides</i>	Perennial	Host	Native monarch host, drought tolerant
Butterfly milkweed	<i>Asclepias tuberosa</i>	Perennial	Host	Native monarch host, moderate water needs
Green Milkweed, Green Antelopehorn	<i>Asclepias viridis</i>	Perennial	Host	Native monarch host, can handle short term flooding
False Nettle, smallspike false nettle	<i>Boehmeria cylindrica</i>	Perennial	Host	Non-stinging nettle host for red admiral & question mark butterflies
Black Prairie Clover	<i>Dalea frutescens</i>	Perennial	Host	Ceraunus blue
Texas Prairie Parsley	<i>Polytaenia texana</i>	Perennial	Host	Black swallowtail host.
Spicebush	<i>Lindera benzoin</i>	Shrub	Host	Host to spicebush swallowtail
Pawpaw	<i>Asimina triloba</i>	Tree	Host	Zebra swallowtail
Tuliptree	<i>Liriodendron tulipifera</i>	Tree	Host	One of two area trees hosting tiger swallowtail caterpillars. Rich, moist soil preferred.
Red Bay	<i>Persea borbonia</i>	Tree	Host	Host for one of our showiest swallowtails, Palamedes
Black Cherry	<i>Prunus serotina</i>	Tree	Host	Host Tiger swallowtail and Red-spotted purple
Hop Tree	<i>Ptelea trifoliata</i>	Tree	Host	Host for Giant swallowtail
Black Willow	<i>Salix nigra</i>	Tree	Host	Viceroy host
Hogwort, Goatweed, Wooly Croton	<i>Croton capitatus</i>	Annual	Host	Host goatweed leafwing, Gray hairstreak, inconspicuous blooms, silver-gray, compact foliage
Southern Hackberry, sugarberry	<i>Celtis laevigata</i>	Tree	Host	Exclusive host to three butterfly species but may outgrow small gardens
Redbud tree, eastern redbud	<i>Cercis canadensis</i>	Tree	Host	Bees & small butterflies like blooms, host Henry's elfin
Hercules Club	<i>Zanthoxylum clava-herculis</i>	Tree	Host	Primary native host for Giant swallowtail
Wooly Pipevine	<i>Aristolochia tomentosa</i>	Vine	Host	Native pipevine host, slow growing to 40-50 feet.
Fetid Passionflower	<i>Passiflora foetida</i>	Vine	Host	Host for Gulf fritillary, red fruit enclosed in basket.
Purple Passionflower, Maypop	<i>Passiflora incarnata</i>	Vine	Host	Primary host for Gulf fritillary, fast growing, spreads underground
Texas Toadflax	<i>Nuttallanthus texanus</i>	Annual	Host, nectar	Early spring nectar, host for buckeye
Frog Fruit, Turkey tangle frogfruit	<i>Phyla nodiflora</i>	Perennial	Host, nectar	Nectar for smaller butterflies, host for Phaon crescent, ground-cover, can over-run area
Golden tickseed, Gold Wave	<i>Coreopsis tinctoria</i>	Annual	Nectar	
Indian Blanket, Firewheel	<i>Gaillardia pulchella</i>	Annual	Nectar	Good native nectar plant, spring-summer, drought tolerant
Standing-cypress	<i>Ipomopsis rubra</i>	Annual	Nectar	Very pretty upright red flower stalks attract hummers & swallowtails
Blue Mist, Christmas Bush	<i>Chromolaena odorata</i>	Perennial	Nectar	Outstanding nectar plant, bloom period coincides with monarch migration
Wild Ageratum, blue mistflower	<i>Conoclinium coelestinum</i>	Perennial	Nectar	
Gregg's mistflower	<i>Conoclinium greggii</i>	Perennial	Nectar	
Lanceleaf Coreopsis, lanceleaf tickseed	<i>Coreopsis lanceolata</i>	Perennial	Nectar	Good early spring nectar source
Purple coneflower	<i>Echinacea purpurea</i>	Perennial	Nectar	
Coral bean	<i>Erythrina herbacea</i>	Perennial	Nectar	
Prairie verbena	<i>Glandularia bipinnatifida</i>	Perennial	Nectar	
Swamp Sunflower	<i>Helianthus angustifolius</i>	Perennial	Nectar	
Sharp gayfeather	<i>Liatris acidota</i>	Perennial	Nectar	
Cardinal flower	<i>Lobelia cardinalis</i>	Perennial	Nectar	
Turk's cap	<i>Malvastrum arboreum (drummondii)</i>	Perennial	Nectar	
Bee Balm, wild bergamot	<i>Monarda fistulosa</i>	Perennial	Nectar	
Lindheimer's beebalm	<i>Monarda lindheimeri</i>	Perennial	Nectar	
Gulf Coast Penstemon	<i>Penstemon tenuis</i>	Perennial	Nectar	
Obedient plant	<i>Physostegia virginiana</i>	Perennial	Nectar	
Mexican hat	<i>Ratibida columnifera</i>	Perennial	Nectar	
Black-eyed Susan	<i>Rudbeckia hirta</i>	Perennial	Nectar	
Great Coneflower	<i>Rudbeckia maxima</i>	Perennial	Nectar	Spectacular specimen plant. 6-7 ft tall.
Texas Coneflower	<i>Rudbeckia texana</i>	Perennial	Nectar	
Tropical sage	<i>Salvia coccinea</i>	Perennial	Nectar	Long bloom period
Gregg's Salvia, Autumn sage	<i>Salvia greggi</i>	Perennial	Nectar	Long bloom period, drought tolerant
Frostweed	<i>Verbesina virginica</i>	Perennial	Nectar	Tall late summer or fall bloomer. Likes damp soil.
Missouri Ironweed	<i>Vernonia missurica</i>	Perennial	Nectar	Late summer nectar source
Hairy Wedelia	<i>Wedelia texana</i>	Perennial	Nectar	Long bloom period, drought tolerant
Flame Acanthus	<i>Anisacanthus quadrifidus</i>	Shrub	Nectar	
American Beautyberry	<i>Callicarpa americana</i>	Shrub	Nectar	Early spring nectar.
Buttonbush	<i>Cephalanthus occidentalis</i>	Shrub	Nectar	Great plant for wet areas, outstanding nectar source
Texas lantana	<i>Lantana urticoides (horrida)</i>	Shrub	Nectar	Good nectar source, hardier than lantana camera
Arrowwood Viburnum	<i>Viburnum dentatum</i>	Shrub	Nectar	