To start your butterfly garden in Ohio:

**Ohio Butterfly Some Host Plants for Caterpillar**

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**Swallowtails:**
- **Spicebush** Spicebush or Common Sassafras tree
- **Black** Golden Alexander’s, Dill, Parsley
- **Eastern** Wild Black Cherry tree, Tuliptree, Tiger: Spicebush
- **Viceroy** Black or Pussy Willow, Tulip Poplar

- Locate a small space you can see sheltered from wind with 6+ hours of sunlight
- Plant Ohio native flowers* because of hardiness, beauty and wildlife dependence
- Plant purple, yellow, white or blue flat-topped flowers that bloom at different times
- Plant similar colors together
- Wait to rake leaves until early summer after all butterflies are flying

**Important!** Keep your lawn and garden chemical free. Use organic fertilizer & manually control pests. Chemicals kill the caterpillar and butterfly.

**Ohio Nectar Plants for Butterflies**

**Early-season bloomers**
- Violet-blue Common Violet
- Yellow Spicebush
- White Choke Cherry Tree
- Violet-pink Wild Geranium
- Blue-violet Wild or Creeping Phlox

**Mid-season bloomers**
- White-pink Marsh (Swamp) Milkweed
- Yellow Black-eyed Susan
- Violet-pink Purple Coneflower
- Violet Rough or Dense Blazingstar (Liatris)
- Orange Butterfly-weed (Milkweed)
- Red Beebalm

**Late-season bloomers (help migrants)**
- White Heart-leaved, Wood, or Heath Aster
- Yellow Grey, Stiff or Showy Goldenrod
- Violet-pink Spotted or Sweet Joe-Pye Weed
- Violet New England or Smooth Aster
- Violet Tall or Smooth Ironweed

*Butterflies of Ohio - Field Guide* by Jaret C. Daniels
*Common Butterflies and Skippers of Ohio* - Pub 204, no cost, ODNR Division of Wildlife: 800-945-3543
*Attracting Butterflies & Hummingbirds* – Book by Sally Roth