

Butterfly Garden Quick Start

Planning:

- ❑ Chemical-free lawn and garden - Use only organic pest control or fertilizers sparingly
- ❑ Garden sheltered from wind placed where you can see it
- ❑ 6+ hours of sunlight
- ❑ Large flat rocks for basking
- ❑ Keep pets inside or on leash
- ❑ Binoculars (birding or close focus)

Food:

- ❑ Ohio native nectar plants for butterfly
 - Blue, yellow and/or purple flowers
 - Plant similar colors together in large groups
 - Flat-topped flowers, single rather than double
 - Bloom at different times (early, mid & late season)
- ❑ Ohio native trees with sap
- ❑ Butterfly feeder - Rotting fruit (banana, melon, etc.)

Water:

- ❑ Cup Plant naturally holds rain and dew
- ❑ Wet down flat stones
- ❑ Puddle – Wet 1/3 sand, 1/3 soil + 1/3 manure buried in a bucket or lid surrounded with a few large rocks in sun

Places to raise young:

- ❑ Ohio native host plants for caterpillar food – ‘baby’ butterfly will eat the leaves (see ‘Attract Butterflies to Your Ohio Yard’ on www.backyardhabitat.info)
- ❑ Near cover where chrysalis can hang
- ❑ Near Ohio native nectar plants for adult butterfly

Cover:

- ❑ Broad-leaved trees, shrubs near host & nectar plants
- ❑ Log piles near nectar & host plants (See “How to make a Butterfly Log Cabin” on www.backyardhabitat.info to easily make a place where they can overwinter in your yard)
- ❑ Dead Leaves
- ❑ Native grasses (leave standing in winter)

Your Notes: