

**All Gardens
Great & Small**
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orange, pink or purple blossoms. They prefer flat topped or clustered blossoms with short flower tubes. This allows the butterflies to reach the nectar with their proboscis. Nectar producing plants should be grown in open, sunny areas. Adults rarely feed on plants in the shade.

Some caterpillars are picky eaters, and rely on only one or two species of plants. The caterpillar of the giant swallowtail butterfly feed on just one native plant food—the northern prickly ash. Others, such as the red-spotted purple will feed on a variety of deciduous trees.

Here is a list of the plants that can attract butterflies: Lilac, Red Clover, Phlox, Yarrow, Honesty, Aubretia, Zinnia, Cosmos, Butterfly bush, Joe-Pye weed, Tickseed Sunflowers, Goldenrods, Asters, Butterfly weed, Liatris, Thistles, Ceanothus species, Dogbanes and Meadowsweet.

Butterfly Facts:

- Over 700 species of butterflies are found in North America but very few are agricultural pests.

- Adult butterflies range in size from the half-inch pigmy blue found in Southern California, to the giant female

Queen Alexandria's birdwing of New Guinea, which measures about 10 inches from wing tip to wing tip

- Butterfly tarsi or "feet" possess a sense similar to taste: contact with sweet liquids such as nectar causes the proboscis to uncoil.

- Millions of shinglelike, overlapping scales give butterfly wings their colors and patterns. Metallic, iridescent hues come from faceted scales that refract light; solid colors from pigment scales.

- During the time from hatching to pupating (forming the pupa or chrysalis), the caterpillar may increase its body size more than 30,000 times.

- The chrysalises or pupae of

many common gossamer wings—a group of butterflies which includes the blues, hairstreaks and elfins—are capable of producing weak sounds. By flexing and rubbing together body segment membranes, sounds are generated which may frighten off small predators and parasites.

- Butterfly gardening enthusiasts in the Susquehanna Valley have formed a chapter of the North American Butterfly Association. This non-profit organization was formed to educate the public about the joys of butterfly observation, conservation and gardening. The chapter meets once a month. For information contact Violet Stailey at 717-292-2488.

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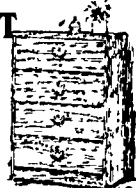
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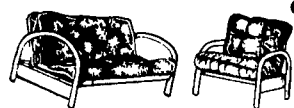
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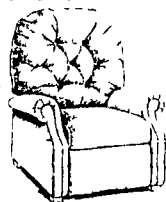


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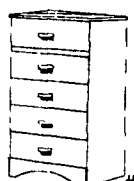
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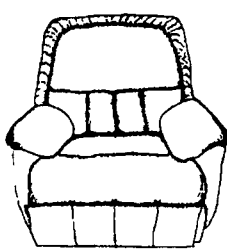


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