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Butterflies in your Backyard



In spring, female butterflies will be most concerned with finding their specific host plants on which to lay fertilized eggs. Instinctively, they know they must first ensure that their caterpillars will have appropriate food for survival after hatching. Both male and female butterflies are looking for flowers with nectar for their own survival. And, they will be searching for shelter from rainy or windy weather, a place for basking, and a source of water. In America, many natural butterfly habitats are disappearing at an alarming rate. It is becoming increasingly difficult for butterflies to find these necessities of life.

Starting a butterfly garden can be a very rewarding if you follow these pointers: the most important thing you can do, as a gardener is to plant both nectar and host plants in your garden. Providing host plants for caterpillars to feed on, will allow you to witness the metamorphosis from caterpillar to chrysalis to butterfly. So, do not discourage caterpillars. They may make your garden plants look messy but it's usually only temporary. Most important - do not use pesticides! You may be killing off the very insects you made the garden for. And, you don't have to have a large area to get a response. Just a few select plants will spur

Container Gardening

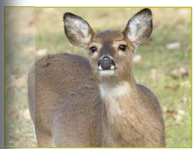


You don't need a yard to have a garden. Container gardening offers a myriad of planting possibilities for the patio, deck, balcony, window box, roof top... you name it. And, even if you do have a yard, don't limit your gardening to ground level. Plants can go anywhere that soil, water, light and imagination can go.

When choosing plants for your container, consider the following:

- **Light** - Most flowers are sun-lovers. If you're decorating a shady spot, try impatiens, begonias, coleus, brodiaea, fuchsia, or torenia. Check plant care tags and buy with your location in mind, or rotate containers to a sunny spot.
- **Height** - Put tall plants in the center of containers viewed from all sides or the rear of ones viewed from one side only. Use shorter plants in the middle and low or trailing varieties at the edge.
- **Distance** - One-color, one-variety planters make a dramatic showing even when viewed from afar. Combination plantings of several different varieties make for up-close interest.

Deterring Deer



Strictly vegetarian, an average adult deer can eat between 4 and 6 pounds of food per day. And, not only are they big eaters, they aren't the slightest bit picky. Deer eat over 500 different varieties of plants, but, if they're really hungry, they'll eat just about anything in the garden or landscape.

Short of a fence, the next best thing is to take advantage of two weaknesses of deer - they're creatures of habit and they are easily scared. Anything you can do to mix up their habits or make them think there is danger nearby might be enough to make them go elsewhere in search of food. But, deer aren't foolish. If they realize the danger isn't real, they will return. Therefore, you must rotate any repellents or scare tactics you try.

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