Visitors to the farm see a wide variety of butterflies flying around outside our vivarium in our nursery during the summer months. That is because our unique mix of butterfly host and nectar plants attracts butterflies from miles away.

**Nectar plants:** flowering plants adult butterflies use as food  
**Host plants:** plants butterflies use for reproduction as butterflies lay their eggs on them, and caterpillars consume them before going into their chrysalis stage

Attract butterflies to your garden and help support their population by planting nectar and host plants in your garden. Use this guide to help plants that will attract your desired butterflies to your garden. Most plants are available here in our nursery, and your purchase helps support our mission of education, conservation, and research of our important pollinators.
TOP 10 BUTTERFLY-ATTRACTING NECTAR PLANTS:

**Mexican Sunflower**
Annual with orange blossoms; an absolute butterfly magnet!

**Lantana**
Perennial comes in many colors and blooms 11 months of the year.

**Salvia**
The Sage family of plants is enormous, and we offer many varieties that both butterflies and hummingbirds love!

**Snapdragons**
Many colors to choose from and a favorite of butterflies and hummingbirds.

**Buddleja**
Perennial in many varieties; butterflies love the blossoms that range from deep purple, lavender, to pure white.

**Gaillardia**
A lovely blanket flower with richly colored, daisy like flowers that butterflies love.

**Heliotropium**
Perennial with deep purple flowers that butterflies love!

**Pentas**
Small clusters of star shaped flowers that bloom in red, white, lavender, pink and purple all summer long.

**Delphinium**
Perennial with tall flower spikes in many colors with bell-shaped blossoms that butterflies and hummingbirds love.

**Alyssum**
Sweet alyssum is always a favorite of bees and butterflies!