PLANTING FOR BUTTERFLIES

Butterflies need flowers of various sizes with a platform they can land on to drink nectar - like the zinnias, echinacea, verbena, and asters in this garden. Females look for host plants to lay their eggs on, as each caterpillar species feeds from only one or more distinct plant families. Plants for butterflies are best grown in masses to make it easy for them to find, and native plants (N) provide the most nectar and best nutrition.

Find out the butterflies where you live and their host plants. See if you can find examples of host plants these Cape Cod butterflies might use in this garden!



COMMON

BUCKEYE

Tall Verbena

and a few other plants

COMMON

BUCKEYE

ORANGE

SULPHUR

SENNA

Pea Family

ORANGE

SULPHUR

BIG BLUESTEM (N)

Bluestem and Bluegrass

PECK'S

SKIPPER

SKIPPER

PANIC GRASS (N)

HOBOMOK

SKIPPER

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SKIPPER