

NATIVE HOST PLANTS FOR SOUTHEAST TEXAS

BUTTERFLIES

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Plants

Giant Swallowtail.....	Lime Prickley Ash, Hercules Club, Common Hop Tree
Pipevine Swallowtail.....	Aristolochia species (pipevines) A. erecta, A. reticulata, A. tomentosa
Zebra Swallowtail.....	Paw Paw (Asimina triloba, A. parviflora)
Black Swallowtail.....	Apiaceae (Prairie Parsley)
Tiger Swallowtail.....	Ash species, Black Cherry
Spicebush Swallowtail.....	Spicebush, Sassafras, Sweetbay Magnolia
Palamedes Swallowtail.....	Red Bay, Sassafras, Sweetbay Magnolia
Cloudless Sulphur, Sleepy Orange	Senna, Partridge Pea
Little Sulphur.....	Senna, Partridge Pea, Powderpuff
Soapberry Hairstreak.....	Western Soapberry
Banded Hairstreak.....	Oaks, Hickories, Walnuts
Northern Hairstreak, Horace's Hairstreak	Oak species (Bur, Willow, Water, Swamp Chestnut, Red)
Red Banded Hairstreak.....	Sumacs, Southern Wax Myrtle, Croton, Oaks
Cedar Hairstreak.....	Eastern Red Cedar
Henry's Elfin.....	Redbud, Vaccinium, Hollies, Viburnum, Texas Mountain Laurel, Mexican Buckeye
E. Pine Elfin.....	Native Pines (not slash or non-natives)
Cassius Blue, Marine Blue.....	Rattlebox, various legumes
Snout Butterfly.....	Hackberry species
Gulf Fritillary and Variegated Fritillary.	Passion flower (Passiflora incarnata, P. foetida, P. lutea)
Texas Crescent.....	Flame Acanthus, Ruellia, Water Willow
Phaon Crescent.....	Frog Fruit (Phyla incisa)
American Painted Lady, Pearl Crescent	Asteraceae: Asters, Sunflowers, Echinacea, Coreopsis, Eupatorium, Liatris, Rudbeckia
Question Mark.....	Elm, Hackberry species, nettle
Red Admiral.....	Nettle (Urtica), False Nettle (Boemeria)
Painted Lady.....	Thistle, Mallows (Malvaceae), Hibiscus, Sida
Buckeye.....	Toadflax, Plantain (Plantago), Ruellia
Red Spotted Purple.....	Black Cherry, Cottonwood, Hawthorns
Viceroy.....	Willows, Cottonwood, Cherry trees
Hackberry Emperor & Tawny Emperor..	Hackberry species
Little Wood Satyr.....	Various grasses
Monarch and Queen	Asclepiadaceae, Milkweed species
Long Tailed and Spotted Skippers..	Legumes (Acacia, Baptisia, Mimosa, Sesbania, Senna, Sophora, Amorpha)
Dorantes Longtail.....	Legumes (Acacia, Baptisia, Mimosa, Sesbania, Senna, Sophora, Amorpha)
Wild Indigo and Funeral Duskywings.	Baptisia, Lupines, Crown Vetch, Rattlebush,
Common Checkered Skipper.....	Sidas, Globe-mallows, other Mallows
Swarthy Skipper.....	Little Bluestem
Clouded and Fiery Skippers.....	Grasses
Broad Winged (Marsh) Skipper...	Sedges, Marsh Millet
Dun Skipper (Sedge Skipper).....	Sedges
Eufala and Common Roadside Skippers	Grasses



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This is a partial list; many more native plants are food sources for butterflies & moths!