



Shrubs to Attract Butterflies



Common name	Scientific name	Flower color	Other info.
Butterfly Bush*	Buddleia	Purple, pink, white	Prune in spring before as new growth begins
Bluebeard Shrub	Caryopteris	Blue	Fragrant leaves are deer resistant
Buttonbush	Cephalanthus	Creamy white	Late to leaf out, August blooms, do not allow to dry out
Korean Lilac	Syringa	Lilac purple	Requires little to no maintenance
Lilac	Syringa	Purple, pink, white	Prune after flowering
Mockorange	Philadelphus	White	Very fragrant
Potentilla	Potentilla	Yellow, white	Late winter prune by 1/3, tolerates poor soil
Pussy Willow	Salix discolor	Gray to white/yellow	Silvery gray catkins in spring, caterpillars feed on leaves
Rhododendron*	Rhododendron	Purple, pink, white	Broadleaf evergreen, protect from hot afternoon sun
Rose of Sharon*	Hibiscus syriacus	Pink, purple, white	Prune in spring, summer flowers
Spicebush	Lindera	Yellow	Native host for tiger swallowtail butterfly, fruit for birds
Summersweet*	Clethra	White, pink	Excellent summer flowers, tolerant of wet soil
Sweetspire	Itea	White	U.S. native with great fall color
Weigela*	Weigela	Pink, white, red	Many with colorful foliage

*Butterfly nectar shrubs also attractive to Hummingbirds