

# Full Sun Butterfly Garden

There is a formula for building a productive butterfly garden. Your garden should be at least 10' x 10' or 100 SF in size, and contain a minimum of three nectar and three host plants. Ideally, your garden should include a tree to which caterpillars may attach their chrysalis; however, a fence or garden furniture will also work.

Here are some plant suggestions for South Texas:

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<b>Ground Cover</b>	<b>Height: 6" – 1'</b>
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Frog Fruit (*Phyla nudiflora*)

Nectar: Very Good

Host: Phaon Crescent, White Peacock

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<b>Flowering Plant</b>	<b>Height: 1' – 2'</b>
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Milkweed: Native plants of the *Asclepias* family

Nectar: Great

Host: Monarch, Queen, Soldier

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Cowpen Daisy (*Verbesina encelioides*)

Nectar: Great

Host: Bordered Patch

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<b>Shrub</b>	<b>Height: 3' – 6'</b>
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Golden Eyed Daisy (*Viguiera stenoloba*)

Nectar: Great

Host: Tailed Orange

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Lantana (*Lantana urticoides*)

Nectar: Great

Host: Lantana Scrub Hairstreak

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Baby Bonnet (*Coursetia axillaris*)

Nectar: Great

Host: None

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<b>Vine</b>	<b>Climbing</b>
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Balloon Vine (*Cardiospermum dissectum*)

Nectar: Great

Host: Silver Banded Hairstreak

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Corky Stem Passion Vine (*Passiflora suberosa*)

Nectar: Good

Host: Fritillaries

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<b>Tree</b>	<b>Height: 10' – 15'</b>
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Mexican Caesalpina (*Caesalpinia mexicana*)

Nectar: Good

Host: Unknown

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Retama (*Parkinsonia oculata*)

Nectar: Good

Host: Unknown

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