

NATIVE HOST PLANTS FOR SOUTHEAST TEXAS

BUTTERFLIES

Butterfly

Giant Swallowtail.....
 Pipevine Swallowtail.....
 Zebra Swallowtail.....
 Black Swallowtail.....
 Tiger Swallowtail.....
 Spicebush Swallowtail.....
 Palamedes Swallowtail.....
 Cloudless Sulphur, Sleepy Orange
 Little Sulphur.....
 Soapberry Hairstreak.....
 Banded Hairstreak.....
 Northern Hairstreak, Horace's Hairstreak
 Red Banded Hairstreak.....
 Cedar Hairstreak.....
 Henry's Elfin.....
 E. Pine Elfin.....
 Cassius Blue, Marine Blue.....
 Snout Butterfly.....
 Gulf Fritillary and Variegated Fritillary.
 Texas Crescent.....
 Phaon Crescent.....
 American Painted Lady, Pearl Crescent
 Question Mark.....
 Red Admiral.....
 Painted Lady.....
 Buckeye.....
 Red Spotted Purple.....
 Viceroy.....
 Hackberry Emperor & Tawny Emperor..
 Little Wood Satyr.....
 Monarch and Queen
 Long Tailed and Spotted Skippers..
 Dorantes Longtail.....
 Wild Indigo and Funeral Duskywings.
 Common Checkered Skipper.....
 Swarthy Skipper.....
 Clouded and Fiery Skippers.....
 Broad Winged (Marsh) Skipper...
 Dun Skipper (Sedge Skipper).....
 Eufala and Common Roadside Skippers

Plants

Lime Prickley Ash, Hercules Club, Common Hop Tree
 Aristolochia species (pipevines) A. erecta, A. reticulata, A. tomentosa
 Paw Paw (Asimina triloba, A. parviflora)
 Apiaceae (Prairie Parsley)
 Ash species, Black Cherry
 Spicebush, Sassafras, Sweetbay Magnolia
 Red Bay, Sassafras, Sweetbay Magnolia
 Senna, Partridge Pea
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 Western Soapberry
 Oaks, Hickories, Walnuts
 Oak species (Bur, Willow, Water, Swamp Chestnut, Red)
 Sumacs, Southern Wax Myrtle, Croton, Oaks
 Eastern Red Cedar
 Redbud, Vaccinium, Hollies, Viburnum, Texas Mountain Laurel, Mexican Buckeye
 Native Pines (not slash or non-natives)
 Rattlebox, various legumes
 Hackberry species
 Passion flower (Passiflora incarnata, P. foetida, P. lutea)
 Flame Acanthus, Ruellia, Water Willow
 Frog Fruit (Phyla incisa)
 Asteraceae: Asters, Sunflowers, Echinacea, Coreopsis, Eupatorium, Liatris, Rudbeckia
 Elm, Hackberry species, nettle
 Nettle (Urtica), False Nettle (Boerhavia)
 Thistle, Mallows (Malvaceae), Hibiscus, Sida
 Toadflax, Plantain (Plantago), Ruellia
 Black Cherry, Cottonwood, Hawthorns
 Willows, Cottonwood, Cherry trees
 Hackberry species
 Various grasses
 Asclepiadaceae, Milkweed species
 Legumes (Acacia, Baptisia, Mimosa, Sesbania, Senna, Sophora, Amorpha)
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 Baptisia, Lupines, Crown Vetch, Rattlebush,
 Sidas, Globe-mallows, other Mallows
 Little Bluestem
 Grasses
 Sedges, Marsh Millet
 Sedges
 Grasses



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