

## BUTTERFLIES:



Butterflies have been called 'flowers with wings'. Butterflies not only are beautiful, but like bees, play an important part in our environment by helping to cross-pollinate flowers.

Butterflies are attracted to gardens for two reasons: to seek nectar from flowers and to lay their eggs on the right food plants. Usually these are quite specific Australian species of trees, shrubs or grasses.

Many flowers which attract butterflies to their nectar are open in design, such as daisies, indigofera and eutaxia, while others are in heads or clusters e.g. pimelia, dillwynia and bottle-brush.

It is very easy to encourage butterflies to live and breed in your garden by growing plants with flowers that attract butterflies and supply food plants for caterpillars. Avoid using poisonous sprays and insecticides:

These are some of the indigenous plants that will reward you well.

### GRASSES:

Austrodanthonia caespitosa  
Austrodanthonia setacea  
Austrostipa semibarbata

Microlaena stipoides  
Poa species  
Themeda triandra

### SMALL PLANTS:

Brachyscome basaltica  
Brachyscome multifida  
Bracteantha viscosa  
Calocephalus citreus  
Calocephalus lacteus  
Chrysocephalum appiculatum  
Chrysocephalum semipapposum  
Einadia nutans

Helichrysum rutidolepis  
Kennedia prostrata  
Lomandra filiformis  
Lomandra longifolia  
Nicotiana suaveolens  
Pratia pendunculata  
Pycnosorus chrysanthes  
Senecio species

### SHRUBS AND TREES:

Acacia species  
Bursaria spinosa  
Callistemon sieberi  
Eucalyptus species  
Indigofera australis  
Kunzea ericoides

Leptospernum lanigerum  
Melaleuca ericifolia  
Pomaderris species  
Prostranthera lasianthos  
Rhagodia parabolica

