

## POLLINATOR-FRIENDLY PLANTS

If you're wanting to attract butterflies and hummingbirds to your yard, there are many shrubs and flowers to choose from, regardless of your experience with gardening. Reds, blues, and yellows are common colors that these petite pollinators tend to love, and they should be thoughtfully incorporated into your landscape.

### Plants that Attract Hummingbirds

Of the 16 species of hummingbirds in the United States, only about 3 species are found in Florida, with the red-throated hummingbird probably being the most commonly spotted. Hummingbirds have a difficult time getting the amount of food they require from flowers alone, so including feeders in your design will both attract and keep them around for a while. However, flowers are what will initially draw them to your garden.

Here is a list of trees, shrubs, and flowers that can attract hummingbirds in Florida:

- Agapanthus
- Bottle Brush
- Buddleia/Butterfly Bush
- Cigar Plant
- Coral Honeysuckle
- Firebush
- Firecracker Plant
- Jatropha
- Maui Ixora
- Milkweed
- Salvia

### Plants that Attract Butterflies

There are over 200 species of butterflies in Florida and you can imagine how amazing it would be to have even a handful of them visit your garden for a good meal and a relaxing afternoon. You'll need to choose flowers with bright colors and adult nectar sources, create shelter to protect them from heavy rains and predators, and provide access to clean water.

Here are some great options of plants that are known to attract butterflies:

- Agapanthus
- Black-Eyed Susan
- Blanket Flower/Gaillardia
- Buddleia/Butterfly Bush
- Cone Flower/Echinacea
- Coral Honeysuckle
- Crossandra
- Dill
- Hibiscus
- Jatropha
- Lantana
- Maui Ixora
- Milkweed
- Parsley
- Passion Flower
- Pentas
- Plumbago
- Porterweed
- Salvia
- Walters Viburnum

