



## El Paso County Native Plant List to Attract Butterflies

- These native plants are host plants for butterfly caterpillars. Make sure to leave caterpillars on the plants, and don't use insecticides.
- They are adapted to our soils and climates
- Easier to maintain and require little or no soil amendments, fertilizer, or pesticides
- Require little or no supplemental irrigation – once established

<i>Scientific Name</i>	Common Name	Host Plant	Mature Plant Size	Sun or Shade	Preferred Soil
<b>GRASSES</b>					
<i>Agropyron smithii</i>	Western wheat grass	Y	12-36" X 60-120"	FS-PS	Adaptable
<i>Andropogan gerardii</i>	Big bluestem	Y	72 X 96" X 24-36"	FS - PS	Adaptable
<i>Bouteloua curtipendula</i>	Side oats grama	Y	18-30" x 18-24"	FS - PS	Well-drained
<i>Buchloe dactyloides</i>	Buffalo grass	Y	4-8" X 12"	FS	Well-drained
<i>Eragrostis trichodes</i>	Sand love grass		24-60" X 12-24"	FS - PS	Adaptable
<i>Fetuca glauca 'Elijah Blue'</i>	Blue fescue	Y	6-12" X 6-12"	FS	Well-drained
<i>Oryzopsis hymenoides</i>	Indian grass	Y	36-60" X 36"	FS	Well-drained, silly loam
<i>Panicum virgatum</i>	Prairie Switchgrass	Y	24-36" X 24-36"	FS	Adaptable, moist
<i>Schizachyrium scoparium</i>	Little Bluestem	Y	24-48" X 18-24"	FS	Well-drained, adaptable
<b>PERENNIALS</b>					
<i>Andropogan margaritacea</i>	Pearly everlasting	Y	12-20" X 24"	FS	Well-drained
<i>Antennaria spp</i>	Pussytoes	Y	2-6" X 12"	FS	Well-drained
<i>Artemisia ludoviciana</i>	Prairie sage	Y	18" X 18"	FS	Well-drained
<i>Asclepias speciosa</i>	Showy milkweed	Y	24-36" X 48"	FS	Adaptable
<i>Asclepias tuberosa</i>	Butterfly milkweed	Y	18" X 18"	FS	Well-drained
<i>Callirhoe involucrata</i>	Prairie winecup	Y	36" X 12"	FS	Well-drained
<i>Helianthus annuus</i>	Common sunflower	Y	5-10' X 2'	FS	Adaptable
<i>Lupinus argenteus</i>	Silvery lupine	Y	12-36" X 12-24"	FS	Well-drained
<i>Monarda fistulosa</i>	Bee balm	Y	24" X 24"	FS	Well-drained, fertile

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<i>Penstemon barbatus</i>	Scarlet bugler penstemon		24-36" X 12-24"	FS	Well-drained
<i>Penstemon strictus</i>	Rocky Mountain beardtongue		30" X 24"	FS - PS	Well-drained
<i>Rudbeckia hirta</i>	Black-eyed susan	Y	24" X 7-12"	FS - PS	Well-drained
<i>Solidago Rugosa</i> 'fireworks'	Rough goldenrod	Y	24-36 X 12-24"	FS - PS	Well-drained
<i>Symphyotrichum laeve</i>	Smooth aster	Y	36" X 12-24"	FS - PS	Well-drained
<b>SHRUBS</b>					
<i>Amelanchier alnifolia</i>	Serviceberry	Y	15' X 15'	FS - PS	Well-drained
<i>Amorpha canescens</i>	Leadplant		4' X 4'	FS	Adaptable
<i>Arctostaphylos uva-ursi</i>	Red bearberry/Kinnickinnick	Y	0.5-1' X 3-6'	FS - PS	Well-drained
<i>Chrysothamnus nauseosus</i>	Rabbitbrush		2-6' X 3-4'	FS	Adaptable
<i>Cornus sericea</i>	Red twig dogwood	Y	6' X 8'	FS - PS	Adaptable
<i>Prunus besseyi</i>	Western sand cherry	Y	6' x 5'	FS	Well-drained
<i>Rhus glabra</i>	Rocky Mountain sumac		5' X 6-20'	FS	Adaptable
<i>Ribes aureum</i>	Golden currant	Y	6' X 5'	FS - PS	Adaptable
<i>Rosa woodsii</i>	Woods Rose	Y	3-5' X 4-5'	FS - PS	Loam
<i>Rubus deliciosus</i>	Boulder raspberry	Y	8' X 6'	FS - PS	Adaptable
<i>Philadelphus microphyllus</i>	Littleleaf mockorange		1' X 4'	FS - PS	Sandy to loam
<i>Prunus americana</i>	American plum	Y	12' X 10'	FS - PS	Adaptable
<i>Prunus virginiana</i>	Chokecherry	Y	10-20' X 10-20'	PS - FS	Adaptable
<i>Symphoricarpos albus</i>	Common snowberry	Y	4' X 6'	FS - PS - S	Adaptable
<b>TREES</b>					
<i>Acer glabrum</i>	Rocky Mountain maple	Y	10-25' X 15-20'	FS - PS	Sandy-Loam
<i>Acer negundo</i>	Box elder	Y	30-45' X 30-40'	FS	Adaptable
<i>Celtis reticulata</i>	Common hackberry	Y	25-45' X 30-40'	FS	Adaptable
<i>Juniperus scopulorum</i>	Rocky Mountain juniper	Y	15-25' X 5-15'	FS	Well-drained
<i>Juniperus monosperma</i>	Oneseed juniper		15-25' X 10-15'	FS	Well-drained
<i>Quercus gambelii</i>	Gambel oak	Y	5-15' X 10-15'	FS	Well-drained

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<i>Pinus ponderosa</i>	Ponderosa pine	Y	45-50' X 25-30'	FS	Adaptable
<i>Pseudotsuga menziesii</i>	Douglas-fir	Y	40-60' X 20-30'	FS - PS	Well-drained

**Key:**

Sun Requirements: fs = full sun, ps = partial shade, s = shade

<b>NON-NATIVE PLANTS, BUT GOOD HOST PLANTS</b>					
HERBS		Host Plants			
<i>Anethum graveolens</i>	Dill	Y			
<i>Petroselinum crispum</i>	Parsley	Y			
<i>Foeniculum vulgare</i>	Fennel	Y			
<i>Thymus spp.</i>	Thyme				