10 points to attracting butterflies

- plant full sun plants in a site out of the wind
- plant both nectar producing and caterpillar host plants
- plant in masses—not just a single plant
- plant medium colored flowers—not dark ones
- plant & group together flowers of one color rather than a mix of colors
- don’t use insecticides, herbicides, or poisonous chemicals
- put out a basking stone
- provide water nearby
- provide shelter from the wind

Which flowers should I plant?

Natives

- butterfly weed
- liatris—all species
- coreopsis
- purple coneflower
- pale purple coneflower
- gray headed coneflower
- tall white aster
- New England aster
- milkweed—all species
- mountain mint
- Joe-Pye-weed
- phlox—all species
- sedum
- ironweed
- wild bergamot
- sunflower
- Jerusalem artichoke
- violets
- black-eyed Susan
- pearly everlasting

Common Missouri Butterflies

- Swallowtail family
  - Black Swallowtail
  - Tiger Swallowtail
- Snout family
  - Common Snout Butterfly
- Brush-footed family
  - Painted Lady
  - Red-Spotted Purple
  - Red Admiral
  - Viceroy
- White & Sulphur family
  - Checkered White
  - European Cabbage
  - Clouded Sulphur
  - Alfalfa
- Blues, Coppers & Hairstreaks family
  - American Copper
  - Eastern Tailed Blue
  - Red-Banded Hairstreak
  - Spring Azure
- Skippers family
  - Silver-Spotted Skipper
  - Checkered Skipper
  - Northern & Southern Cloudy Wing
- Milkweed family
  - Monarch
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