



Evergreen Garden Club

WILD IRIS

SEPTEMBER 2016

President's Letter

Greetings Members and Friends of our Garden Club!

The days are getting cooler - surely a sign that fall is in the air. It is time to think about chrysanthemums and asters.

This summer has been busy, mostly because of our fantastic Garden Tour. Over 300 people were "wowed" by the beautiful gardens in Evergreen. There was a field trip to the Butterfly Pavilion, and our members opened their gardens for sharing with other members. The community gardens have been well tended and they are beautiful!

Please come to the first meeting of the year. Trudy Perry, from the Heritage Lavender Farm, will be giving us a presentation on *All Things Lavender*. The day is September 13th. The social time will begin at 9:00.

I look forward to seeing you there.

Joan Evashevski

President

**NEXT MEETING
TUESDAY
SEPTEMBER 13, 2016**

**BERGEN PARK FIRE HOUSE
SOCIAL TIME 9:00 TO 9:30
MEETING 9:30 AM**

September Program – September 13, 2016 ***All Things Lavender***

Trudy Perry – Heritage Lavender Farm

Trudy and her partner operate a lavender farm in Berthoud, Colorado. They concentrate on lavender, herbs and flowers naturally grown on the front range. She will talk about growing, pruning, harvesting and preserving lavender. We will make a sachet using lavender supplied by Trudy and Lindy Doty. Please bring a pillow case for the project. If you have an old handkerchief bring that along too.



CERTIFY YOUR BIRD-FRIENDLY GARDEN – APPLY TO BECOME A HABITAT HERO

Do you have a wonderful, pollinator-friendly garden? Let's get you the recognition you deserve and inspire others!

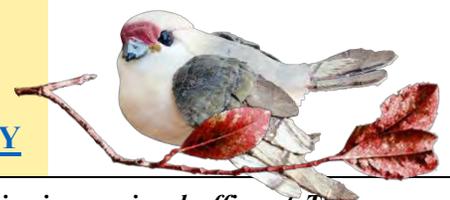
Anybody can be a Habitat Hero – even you! Habitat Heroes are individuals who make a positive impact in our Colorado and Wyoming communities by increasing natural areas, providing homes and food for wildlife, and creating small areas of wildlife habitat that can connect larger green spaces together. Whether the landscape you tend to is a residential yard, a few pots on a balcony, a public park or schoolyard garden, Habitat Heroes believe in growing a healthy community for birds, wildlife and people! *Does this sound like you? Then let's make sure you get the recognition you deserve and your efforts, big and small, inspire others!*

APPLICATION: A NEW component of our application process is a tiered approach, so that you can be recognized for replacing a section of turfgrass with native plantings or you're a seasoned green-thumb enthusiast that is wildscaping the last corner of your yard. [Apply Now!](#)

FOR MORE INFORMATION: Our updated webpage addresses the FAQ's of the application process and includes; tips and components that make up a Habitat Hero Garden, benefits package, and more! [Learn more about Audubon Rockies Habitat Hero Application Process](#)

APPLICATION...LEARN HOW TO APPLY AND RECEIVE RECOGNITION ON YOUR WATER-WISE AND BIRD-FRIENDLY GARDEN!

CONTACT: Jamie Weiss, Habitat Hero Coordinator
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Learn more at <http://rockies.audubon.org>



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Working to protect birds and their habitat in WY & CO: [http://rockies.audubon.org/](http://rockies.audubon.org)

**SHARING OUR GARDENS
WITH LOUISE MOUNSEY, CHERIE LUKE
ANNELL HOY & TESS DEIGERT**



THANK YOU FOR SHARING!

2016 EVERGREEN GARDEN TOUR



A note from
Lynn Dimmick



What does it take to create a fabulous garden tour?

Howabout. . .

Five utterly delightful gardens, tended with flair and tenderness by their charming, enthusiastic, and gracious owners;

A brilliant, multi-talented, tenacious garden tour committee and board blessed with energy, bold innovation, and attention to detail;

Many, many (let's not count them) hours spent doing the next thing;

A supportive garden club that steps up to the plate every time (Thank you very much!)

Businesses and individuals that truly appreciate and support the club's gift of beauty to Evergreen;

Six inspired artists painting en plein air;

A bit of luck with the weather, and ...

Hundreds of gleeful garden-loving guests.

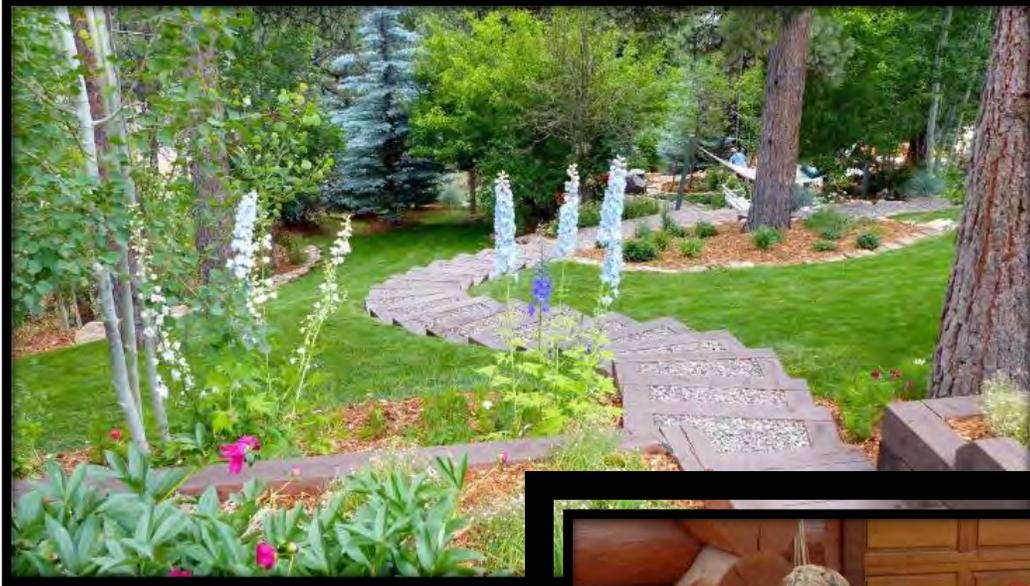
Our July 16th garden tour made over \$6000 for the club and public gardens! Congratulations!

There's a sampling of the gardens below, or you can view more photos from the garden tour on the Just Around Here website -

<http://www.justaroundhere.com/index.php/all-sections/special-interest/nonprofit-organizations/mountain-foothills-rotary/109-evergreen-garden-club/2184-bi-annual-garden-tour-proves-we-can-have-luscious-gardens-in-the-mountains>



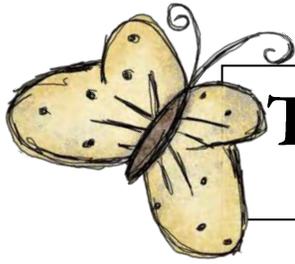
THE HILL GARDEN





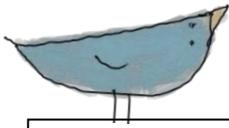
THE NING GARDEN



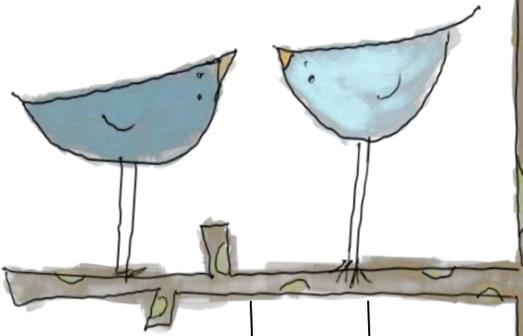


THE BARONE GARDEN





THE HEERN GARDEN



THE DARROW/CHESTER GARDEN



GARDEN FOLLIES

ATTACK OF THE APHIDS

Early September, 2012

I have a small stand of lupine. Five little plants total. The first season they started out late, but beautiful, and then the chipmunks ran up the stalks until they bent, and proceeded to eat all the flower buds, seed heads, whatever was available at the time, smashing the remainder of the plant in the process. The second season they started out beautiful, but voles ate most of the roots before I realized what was going on and they never fully recovered. I dug up what I could salvage, planted them and two replacements in wire baskets and smothered them in vole repellent. Under my watchful eye, they grew 8 to 10 inches high, with hopeful little flower spikes peaking up from their centers. Somewhat of a victory, even though it was now September.

The following season they are beautiful. Friday morning I gave them a little water and they looked great. Monday afternoon something was terribly wrong. They looked wilted and had an almost grey appearance. Upon closer inspection, I discovered they were completely covered in aphids! And the base of the plants were so infested that it looked like cottonwood flying in late August! The aphids were so large; I didn't even need my glasses to see them!! Where does this many aphids come from in two days?!?! I knew I should have taken a picture, as I had never seen anything like it!

But my adrenaline kicked-in instead ... Hose in hand, I violently jetted them off the struggling Lupine; but when the force of the jet hit the infested base of the plant, it scattered the aphids everywhere!

Determined to win the battle, I got down on all fours to take a closer look. Their fat little neon bodies were alive and well and practically glowing green against the dark brown of the wet mulch. To date, I am still not sure what came over me, but I proceed to single-handedly smash every single one I could find; rolling and smashing the mulch around in my gloved hands to ensure there were no survivors! I am embarrassed to admit that I was actually finding pleasure in this!

Noticing a shadow, I look up to see my husband standing over me; both palms facing upwards, that incredulous look on his face. "Smashing aphids" I offered. "Perhaps you should consider getting a job," he suggested. I guess it wouldn't have looked so bad if earlier in the day he hadn't caught me swatting yellow-jackets off the hummingbird feeders with the fly swatter.

Fast forward to late June, 2015. The little Lupine stand comes back two-fold! It's beautiful! But wait! There are those pesky aphids again! They are covering the entire stand! After several days of smashing I still cannot keep up. Determined not to use insecticide, I do my research. I go to the garden center and purchase 2,000 lady bugs. As directed, I lightly spray the Lupine stand with water, (apparently lady bugs often leave the site in search of water) and to ensure they hang around, I release the





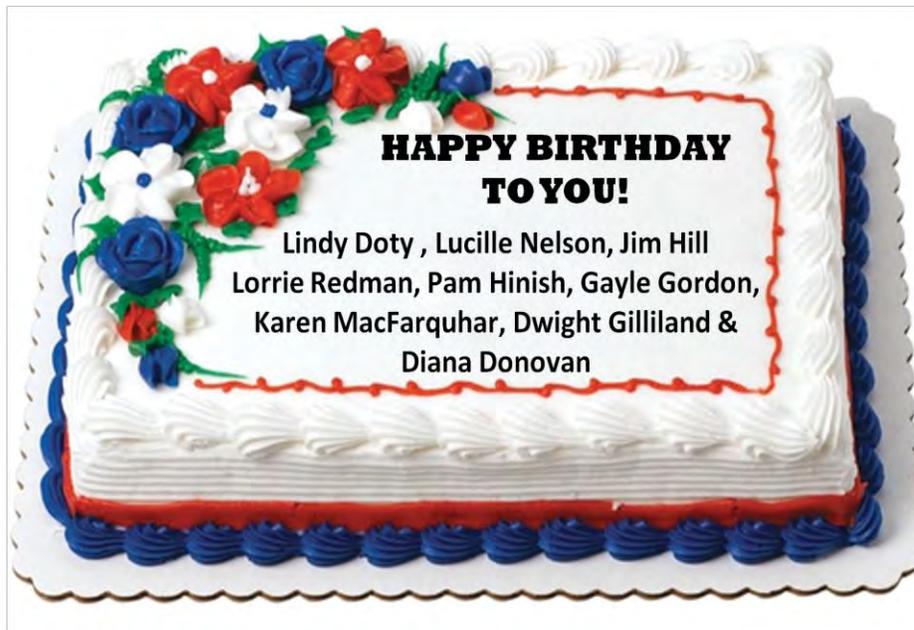
lady bugs at dusk (they don't fly at night). I take graphic pictures of the lady bugs devouring the aphids, which by the way, were almost the same size as the lady bugs! Next morning I am very happy to see the lady bugs are still hanging out in the Lupine stand; but by late afternoon when I check back, I count only 8 lady bugs! My Lupine stand now looks like a bomb site; stark empty stalks sporting nothing but fuzzy seed heads and a few dried flower petals. And, somewhere on Floyd Hill, there are 1,992 lady bugs. Maybe I will look for employment; but I can't work in the summer! There's too much gardening to do!!

Submitted by Louise Heern 
Clear Creek County Master Gardener
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Share a story with us! Send it to Louise at louiseheern@gmail.com

SEPTEMBER MEMBER BIRTHDAYS!





If you have not already done so ...

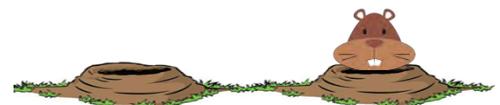
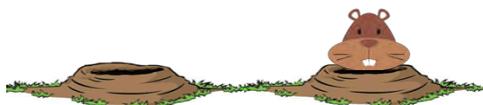
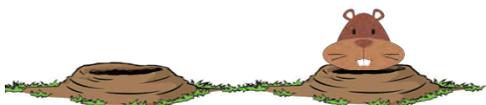


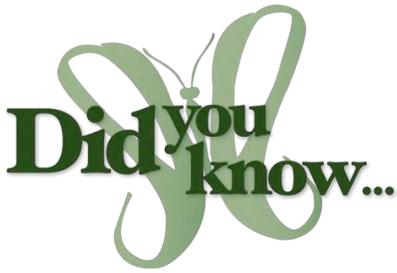
Time for members to send in their dues for the 2016-2017 year. The Directory is in the process of being published and we don't want anyone to get left out. Send checks to EVERGREEN GARDEN CLUB, PO Box 1393, Evergreen, CO 80437. You can also PAY ON LINE at our website: www.evergreengardenclub.org
Personal yearly membership is \$25.00
Family membership is \$35.00
Business membership is \$55.00



A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO
SUSAN BLAKE AND MARGO CONSTABLE
FOR PRESERVING THESE MEMORIES WITH
YOUR BEAUTIFUL PHOTOGRAPHY!

There is a wealth of information on this website in regards to identifying and eliminating pocket gophers and other rodents on your property. You cannot hire him; he's in California! But you can learn from him with detailed pictures and helpful tips that will help you better understand what is going on in, under and around your garden! Good luck! <http://www.thegopherguy.com/>





If first season plantings go into the winter season with dry soils, woody plants can lose up to 20 degrees of hardiness.

That is a tree, which would normally go down to -20 degrees F would be damaged at 0 degrees. Even without extreme cold, winter injury can occur on woody plants if they go into the fall/winter season dry. Fall and winter watering are recommended in Colorado!



Our growing season is shorter because... Flowering is typically delayed one day for every 100 foot rise in elevation. Frost comes equally earlier.

And... every 300 foot rise in elevation accounts for approximately one degree Fahrenheit drop in temperature.

Welcome New Members!

Marnie Chisholm
Sandy Coleman
Kristie Drazenovich
Michelle Manquen
Mary Ann Galpin-Plattner
Stacy Peters
Kris Waggoner
Donna Wittrock
Rose Zinn

New Businesses

The Bee Shrink

SUMMER BIRTHDAYS!!

JULY

Priscilla Chapin
Peggy Fetchenhier
Mary Ann Galpin-Plattner
Susan Garcia
Michelle Manquen
Kristin Seyboth
Donna Wittrock

AUGUST

Susan Blake
Marni Chisholm
Cindi Paulsen
Mary Ellen Putnam
Dee Sacks
Linda Ringrose





Evergreen Garden Club Minutes

June 14, 2016

The meeting was called to order by President, Susan Blake at 9:40 a.m. Board present was 1st Vice-president, Lindy Doty, 2nd Vice-president, Annell Hoy, Secretary, Gloria Owens, Treasurer, and Jane Wingquist.

Susan announced the birthdays for June: Karla Briggs, Lynn Dimmick, Kitty Gallas, and Jo Powers. A new member was introduced, Sandy Coleman.

Secretary's report: Gloria announced we had a field trip to the Denver Botanical Garden in May and 25 attended. She reported 5 birthday cards were sent out as well as 4 get well cards and she re-typed the by-laws.

Annell Hoy, 2nd Vice-president reported she needed a driver for the garden tour. She stated she needed persons to sell tickets at Buffalo Park Garden 8-11 a.m. and King Soopers in Conifer from 9 – noon, Saturday, June 18. Priscilla Chapin offered to do Buffalo Park and Gloria Owens offer to sell tickets at King Soopers. Businesses selling vouchers for garden tour are Sundance, Go Paint, Stems, Nellie Belle, The Holly Berry and Steven Park. She also passed out "Save the Date" cards for those who desired them.

Treasurer's report: Jane Wingquist reported the checking account balance is \$1,004 and the savings account balance is \$11,820. Membership dues of \$25 are now due and can be paid check, cash, or online.

Susan Blake suggested ideas for next year such as seed saving & seed saving packaging party; Rodeo parade participation next year; re-publish former written gardening articles for the Wild Iris and occasionally include in the current monthly issues. She also mentioned a field trip to Crested Butte Wildflower festival the 2nd & 3rd week of July.

Lindy Doty, 1st Vice-president, program chairman gave a summary of her job description. It was suggested by a member to consider for next year a field trip in July instead of May. It was also suggested to keep the May program whereby members go to their respective gardens to work and prepare gardens for summer. Lindy addressed the Vouchers for the garden tour \$20, to be turned in the day of the tour.

Communications: Lucy Ginley announced this was her last month as editor of the Wild Iris. She will be meeting with Louise Heern and train for her to take the position of printing the Wild Iris.

Historian/Photographer: Susan Blake has been the photographer during her presidency.



Hospitality: Annell Hoy will chair the committee and Leslie Jordan and Lorrie Redman will continue on the committee.

Tech Support: No report

Garden Tour: Lyn Dimmick announced the docent pre-tour will be July 6. It was mentioned by some members they have not received the docent letter and which houses they were to be at. Lyn stated she will check into that. The pre-tour is only open to docents.

Natural Resources: Mary Dickhoff reported water barrels can be used to save water run-off from rains. She mentioned to properly care for the water containers and to prevent mosquitoes. She said you can get containers from Target and to keep fresh water in the bird baths.

Nominating Committee & Election of Officers: Leslie Jordan opened the discussion of electing board members. Needed are President, 1st Vice-president, 2nd Vice-president and tech officer assistant. There was discussion regarding the presence of the EGC in the community. Each board member gave a small description of their respective jobs. Since there were no volunteers to accept the respective positions it was necessary to state what is needed.

It was mentioned that the by-laws were revised and needs to be looked at again to make further revisions. Job Descriptions have been updated; was mentioned to consider a co-presidency. The last time there were co-leaders was in 2005, 2006. Jane Wingquist asked the question “Why are members not willing to serve?” Several gave their opinions.

The President asked if the board could appoint volunteers during the summer, since no one stepped up to serve. We did not have a quorum so that idea could not be used. Suddenly, Joan Evashevski volunteered to run for president. The vote was unanimous and there was applause.

With no further business the meeting adjourned at 10:40 a.m. Lindy Doty introduced our program “Attracting Evergreen Birds” and speaker Chuck Aid.

Respectfully submitted,
Gloria Owens, Secretary



Joan Evashevski, President; Susan Blake, Outgoing President; Lindy Doty, 1st Vice President; Linda Berteau and Annell Hoy, 2nd Vice President; Gloria Owens, Secretary; and Jane Wingquist, Treasurer.

2016 – 2017 Officers of The Evergreen Garden Club

President Joan Evashevski

First Vice President
Programs Lindy Doty

Second Vice President
Membership Linda Berteau

Secretary Gloria Owens

Treasurer Jane Wingquist

Technology Officer
Currently Vacant Back-up Paul Luzetski



Past President Susan Blake

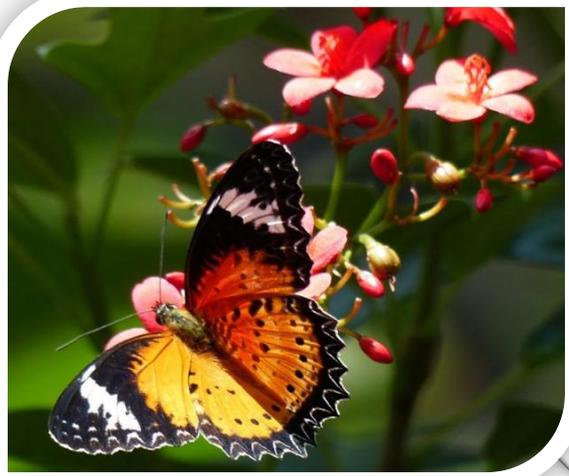
Member Emeritus Louise Mounsey (Founder)



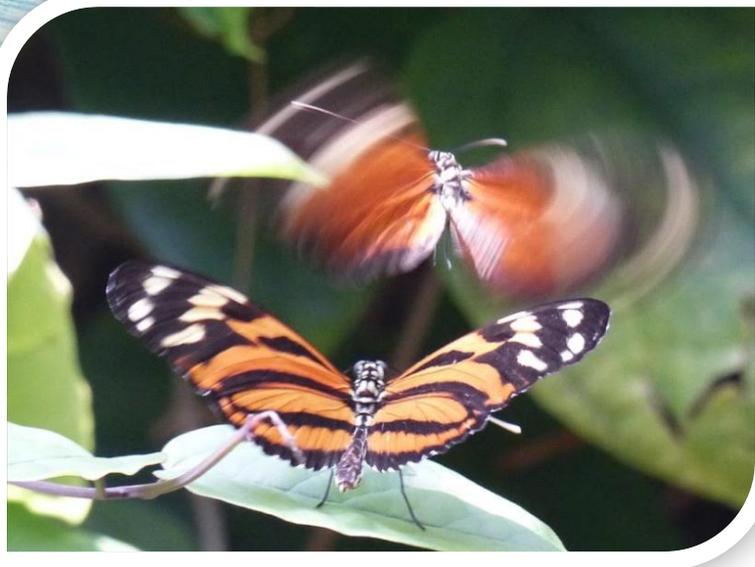
Evergreen Garden Club Visits the



Rosie the Tarantula



Barb Steger enjoying the butterflies!



Pictures by Margo Constable



Attracting Colorado Butterflies

Nectar & Host Plants



American Lady
Nectar Plants - Aster,
Common Milkweed,
Coneflowers
Host Plants - Sunflower,
Pussy-toe, Silver Brocade



Chalcidon Checkerspot
Nectar Plants - Yerba Santa,
Thistle
Host Plants - Indian
Paintbrush, Common
Snowberry



Common Ringlet
Nectar Plants -
Host Plants - Grasses



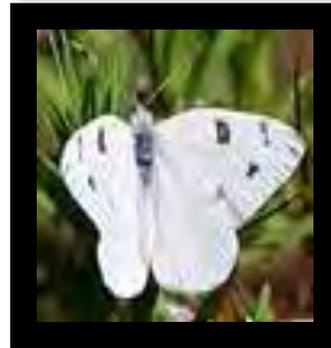
Viceroy
Nectar Plants - Aster, Butterfly
Bush, Coneflowers
Host Plants - Aspen Tree,
Willow



West Coast Lady
Nectar Plants - Aster, Yarrow,
Goldenrod
Host Plants - Hollyhock,
Mallow, False Nettle



Cabbage White
Nectar Plants - Aster,
Cosmos, Tall Verbena
Host Plants - Nasturtium,
Spider flower



Checkered White
Nectar Plants - Hibiscus,
Lantana, Cardinal Flower
Host Plants - Passion
Flowers, Milk Vetch



Clouded Sulphur
Nectar Plants - Crown Vetch,
Cow Vetch
Host Plants - White Clover

Provide a sand or mud puddle. It is believed that butterflies congregate on mud puddles primarily for the salts and minerals.





Common Wood-Nymph
Nectar Plants - Overripe Fruit,
Tree Sap
Host Plants - Purple Top
Grass, Kentucky Bluegrass



Great Spangled Fritillary
Nectar Plants - Black-Eyed
Susan, Butterfly Milkweed,
Coneflowers
Host Plants - Violet



Milbert's Tortoiseshell
Nectar Plants - Lilac,
Goldenrod, Thistle
Host Plants - False Nettle



Monarch
Nectar Plants - Butterfly Bush,
Blazing Stars, Butterfly
Milkweed
Host Plants - Common
Milkweed, Butterfly Milkweed,
Swamp Milkweed



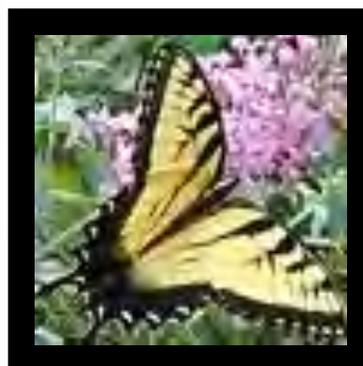
Mourning Cloak
Nectar Plants - Overripe Fruit,
Tree Sap, Common Milkweed
Host Plants - American Elm,
Aspen Tree, Common
Hackberry



Western Tiger Swallowtail
Nectar Plants - Lavender,
Zinnia
Host Plants - Flowering Ash,
Aspen Tree, Willow



Two-tailed Swallowtail
Nectar Plants - Lilac, Swamp
Milkweed, Thistle
Host Plants - Flowering Ash,
Chokecherry, Common
HopTree



Eastern Tiger Swallowtail
Nectar Plants - Butterfly Bush,
Coneflowers, Dianthus Family
Host Plants - Sweet Bay,
Willow

Butterflies love to bask in the sunshine. Providing rocks in a sunny location in the garden helps warm their bodies so they can function. Especially important on cooler days, as butterflies can't fly when the temperature dips below 55 degrees.





Skippers



Painted Lady
Nectar Plants - Aster, Blazing Stars, Butterfly Bush
Host Plants - Hollyhock, Shasta Daisy, Sunflower



Red Admiral
Nectar Plants - Aster, Butterfly Bush, Coneflowers
Host Plants - False Nettle



Silvery Checkerspot
Nectar Plants - Cosmos, Common Milkweed, Tall Verbena
Host Plants - Black-Eyed Susan, Coneflowers, Sunflower



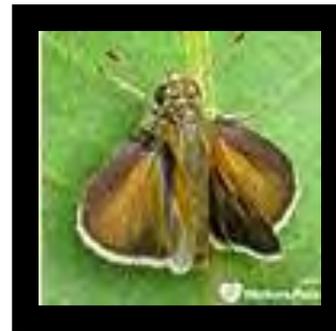
Variegated Fritillary
Nectar Plants - Butterfly Bush, Butterfly Milkweed, Coneflowers
Host Plants - Passion Flowers, Woodland Stonecrop, Violet



Crossline Skipper
Nectar Plants - Dogbane, Ironweed, Cow Vetch
Host Plants - Little Bluestem Grass



Silver-spotted Skipper
Nectar Plants - Blazing Stars, Buttonbush, Common Milkweed



Tawny-edge Skipper
Nectar Plants - Red Clover, Coneflowers, Thistle
Host Plants - Kentucky Bluegrass, Panic Grass

Information and pictures taken from www.gardenswithwings.com



Something to smile about....



The more diversity in structure and plant type, the more homes you provide for wildlife. In fact, when you plant for pollinating insects, you plant for so much more! Pollinating insects give us one in three bites of food! In addition, insects comprise 100 percent of a baby songbird's diet. Most songbird populations are in decline at a rate of 1 to 3 percent annually.

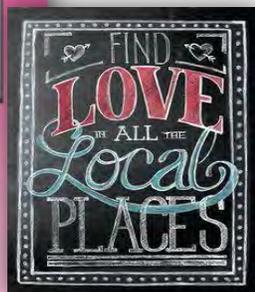


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