



BUTTERFLY GARDEN

Barwon Heads - Ocean Grove

Butterflies are cold-blooded needing warmth from the sun to function and can be seen from spring to autumn.

They have excellent colour vision and do not require strongly scented plants.

The following may be of assistance when designing your butterfly garden:

- Position plants in the sun.
- Consider plants that flower in sequence.
- Flat rocks, gravel pathway or pavers provide warmth for butterflies to bask.
- Use a flat container with damp sand in a sunny position to make a mud puddle for the butterfly to take up water and minerals.
- Group plants together according to the colour of the flowers to create nectar traps.
- Plant flowers with flat tops or clustered flowers, or short flower tubes.

DID YOU KNOW?

- Butterflies have four stages of development -
 - > egg
 - > caterpillar (or larva)
 - > chrysalis and
 - > butterfly.
- Butterflies lay their eggs on host plants so the larvae will have food when it matures.
- Butterflies do not like insecticides.
- Butterflies are preyed upon by cats.
- Some ants assist in the life cycle of certain species of caterpillars.

The Butterflies of Australia -
Albert Orr & Roger Kitching

Attracting Butterflies To Your Garden -
Densey Clyne

Indigenous Plants of the Sandbelt -
A gardening guide for south-eastern Melbourne

Moolapio Creating A Butterfly Garden -
Alcoa & Greening Australia

No native Australian butterfly is known to be harmful to our garden plants.

Butterflies pollinate wild plants and crops, ensuring plants and animals, including humans survive.

Butterflies are good indicators of ecosystem health due to their fragile nature to environmental change.



Butterfly gardens must be able to feed the caterpillar and the butterfly.

The caterpillar is a body building machine, turning green stuff into one long meal.

The butterfly needs food from the flowers to fuel its flight muscles.



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LOCAL INDIGENOUS PLANTS

ATTRACTS CATERPILLARS

ATTRACTS BUTTERFLIES

| | | | | | | |
|--------------------------|-----------------------|--|--|---------------------------|-------------------------|--|
| Acacia paradoxa | Hedge Wattle | | | Leptospermum laevigatum | Coast Tea Tree | |
| Acacia pycnantha | Golden Wattle | | | Lomandra filiformis | Wattle Matrush | |
| Acacia uncifolia | Wirilda | | | Lomandra longifolia | Spiny Matrush | |
| Acacia sophorae | Coast Wattle | | | Melaleuca lanceolata | Moonah | |
| Amyema pendulum | Drooping Mistletoe | | | Microlaena stipoides | Weeping Grass | |
| Amyema preissi | Wire leaf Mistletoe | | | Myoporum insulare | Boobialla | |
| Atriplex cinerea | Coast Saltbush | | | Parietaria debilis | Shade Pellitory | |
| Atriplex paludosa | Marsh Saltbush | | | Pimelea serpyllifolia | Thyme Rice Flower | |
| Austrostipa flavescens | Coast Speargrass | | | Poa labillardieri | Tussock Grass | |
| Austrostipa semibarbata | Fibrous Speargrass | | | Poa poiformis | Coast Tussock Grass | |
| Austrostipa stipoides | Prickly Speargrass | | | Poa poiformis var ramifer | Running Tussock Grass | |
| Banksia marginata | Silver Banksia | | | Portulaca oleracea | Common Purslane | |
| Bursaria spinosa | Sweet Bursaria | | | Pultenaea tenuifolia | Slender Bush Pea | |
| Carex breviculmis | Short-stemmed Sedge | | | Rhagodia candolleana | Seaberry Saltbush | |
| Cassytha pubescens | Downy Dodderlaurel | | | Rytidosperma caespitosum | Common Wallaby Grass | |
| Clematis microphylla | Small Leaved Clematis | | | Rytidosperma geniculatum | Kneed Wallaby Grass | |
| Correa alba | White Correa | | | Rytidosperma racemosum | Clustered Wallaby Grass | |
| Correa reflexa | Common Correa | | | Rytidosperma setaceum | Bristly Wallaby Grass | |
| Exocarpos cupressiformis | Cherry Ballart | | | Scaevola albida | Coast Fan Flower | |
| Frankenia pauciflora | Southern Sea Heath | | | Swainsona lessertifolia | Coast Swainsons Pea | |
| Kennedia prostrata | Running Postman | | | Themeda triandra | Kangaroo Grass | |
| Lepidosperma concavum | Sandhill Sword Sedge | | | Veronica gracilis | Slender Speedwell | |
| Lepidosperma gladiatum | Coast Sword Sedge | | | | | |

OTHER PLANTS

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|-------------------------|------------------|--|--|---------------------|-------------------|--|
| Boronia species | | | | Gahnia filum | Chaffy Saw Sedge | |
| Carex appressa | Tall Sedge | | | Goodenia ovata | Hop Goodenia | |
| Citrus species | | | | Hoya australis | Common Wax flower | |
| Coleonema pulchellum | Pink Diosma | | | Herbs | | |
| Eriostemon species | Wax Flowers | | | Passionfruit Vine | | |
| Helichrysum rutidolepos | Pale Everlasting | | | Pelargonium species | | |
| Gahnia radula | Thatch Saw Sedge | | | Phragmites | | |