



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 - Densley 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

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		