



## Hill Country Butterfly Plants

### Trees & Shrubs

- \*Black cherry (*Prunus serotina*) Eastern Swallowtail, Tiger Swallowtail, Banded Hairstreak
- \*Cedar elm (*Ulmus crassifolia*) Question Mark
- \*Cenzio (Purple sage) (*Leucophyllum frutescens*) Theona Checkerspot windbreak
- Chaste tree (*Vitex agnus-castus*) ++
- \*Desert willow (*Chilopsis linearis*) ++
- Evergreen sumac (*Rhus virens*) windbreak
- \*Flame acanthus (*Anisacanthus quadrifidus* var. *wrightii*) Texan Crescent, Crimson Patch ++
- \*Hackberry (*Celtis laevigata*) American Snout, Question Mark, Tawny Emperor
- \*Hop ash (*Ptelea trifoliata*) Giant Swallowtail, Tiger Swallowtail
- \*Kidneywood (*Eysenhardtia texana*) Southern Dogface
- \*Lindheimer (Velvet Leaf) senna (*Senna linheimeriana*) Little Yellow, Funereal Duskywing
- \*Mesquite (*Prosopis glandulosa*) Reakirt's Blue
- \*Mexican plum (*Prunus Mexicana*) Eastern Swallowtail
- \*Texas mountain laurel (*Sophora secundiflora*) Henry's Elfin
- \*Texas persimmon (*Diospyros texana*) Henry's Elfin, Gray Hairstreak
- \*Texas redbud (*Cercis*) Henry's Elfin
- \*Mountain cedar (*Juniperus ashei*) "Olive" Juniper Hairstreak
- \*Oaks (Chinquapin or Monterey) Juvenal's Duskywing, Horace's Duskywing
- Rosemary ++ windbreak

### Perennials

- Autumn sage (*Salvia greggii*) ++
- Bee balm (wild) (*Monarda fistulosa*)
- Big red sage (*Salvia penstemonoides*) ++
- Blackfoot daisy (*Melampodium leucanthum*)
- Blue sage (*Salvia texana*) ++
- \*Bush sunflower (*Simsia calva*) Bordered Patch
- \*Butterfly weed (*Asclepias tuberosa*) Monarch, Queen, Gray Hairstreak
- Cedar sage (*Salvia roemeriana*) ++
- \*Cowpen daisy (*Verbesina encelioides*) Bordered Patch
- Damianita (*Chrysactinia Mexicana*)
- \*Drummond's wild petunia (*Ruellia drummondiana*) Common Buckeye
- \*Frostweed (*Verbesina virginica*) Lacinia Patch, Silvery Crescent Monarch nectar
- Gayfeather (*Liatris*)
- \*Greggs mistflower (*Eupatorium greggii*) Rawson's Metalmark
- Hill Country aster (*Aster oblongifolios*)
- Ironweed (*Vernonia lindheimer, V. baldwinii*)
- Mexican bush sage (*Salvia leucantha*)
- \*Palafoxia (*Palafoxia callosa*) Dainty sulphur
- Pitcher sage (*Salvia azurea* var. *grandiflora*) ++
- Prairie goldenrod (*Oligoneuron album*)
- Purple coneflower (Echinacea) (*Echinacea purpurea*)
- \*Shrubby boneset (*Eupatorium havanense*) Rawson's Metalmark
- \*Rudbeckia (*Rudbeckia hirta*) Bordered Patch

- \*Straggler daisy (Horse herb) (*Calyptocarpus vialis*) Bordered Patch
- Texas lantana (*Lantana horida*) Gray Hairstreak ++
- Turk's cap (*Malvastrum arboreus*, 'drummondii') ++
- \*Wild petunia (*Ruellia nudiflora*) White Peacock, Common Buckeye
- \*Zexmenia (*Wedelia texana*) Bordered Patch

### Ground Covers

- \*Louisiana Artemisia (*A. ludoviciana*) Painted Lady
- \*Frogfruit (*Phyla nodiflora*) White Peacock, Phaon Crescent, Common Buckeye
- Golden groundsel (*Senecio obovatus*) great for shade

### Vines

- \*Coral honeysuckle (*Lonicera sempervirens*) Sphinx Moth ++
- \*Dutchman's pipe (Pipevine) (*Aristolochia sp*) Pipevine Swallowtail
- \*Passionflower (*Passiflora foetida*, *Passiflora affinis*) Mexican, Variegated & Gulf Fritillary, Julia

### Annuals, Short lived Perennials & Non-native Perennials

- Cosmos
- \*Greenthread Dainty Sulphur
- Indigo spires sage
- Marigold
- \*Nettle Red Admiral
- Pentas
- Penstemons
- Prairie verbena (*Verbena bipinnatifida*)
- Shasta Daisy
- Zinnias

### Herbs

- \*Parsley, fennel, dill, rue Black Swallowtail
- Mexican mint marigold

### Grasses

- \*Big bluestem (*Andropogon gerardii*) Delaware Skipper
- \*Buffalo grass (*Buchloe dactyloides*) Green Skipper
- \*Little bluestem (*Schizachyrium scoparium*) Swarthy Skipper
- \*Sideoats gramma (*Bouteloua curtipendula*) Orange Skipperling

- \* Host plant
- ++ Hummingbirds
- Blue** Host & nectar plant

This list was compiled for a nature preserve in eastern Burnet County. Included are some plants that are not really garden plants but may be found in more rural areas and should be preserved as part of a butterfly habitat i.e. frostweed, palafoxia, ironweed, goldenrod and thistles..