Butterfly Gardening

Today on Gardening in a Minute: butterfly gardening.

Butterfly gardening is a popular hobby with many rewards. It’s not hard to get butterflies to your landscape, but it does take a little planning.

Butterfly gardens should provide food for both adult butterflies and their caterpillars. Though many butterflies will drink nectar from a variety of flowering plants, their caterpillars are often limited as to which plants they can feed on.

A wide assortment of flowers is better than having just a few kinds. Butterflies are attracted to brightly colored simple flowers with good places to perch. To make sure that nectar is always available, choose your flowers so something always in bloom.

Select plants that are suitable for your landscape, and use pesticides carefully to avoid harming your butterfly guests and other beneficial insects.

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