Lantana

Today on Gardening in a Minute: lantana.

Lantana is a common flowering perennial in Florida. Butterflies love these tough, heat-loving plants, which bloom profusely from spring until frost.

Many types of lantana are invasive and should not be used in the home landscape. However, researchers are working to develop more non-invasive lantanas. In the meantime, choose one of several non-invasive lantanas.

Florida shrub verbena is native, is easy to grow, hardy, and produces deep gold flowers. Purple trailing lantana is low-growing with bright purple flowers.

Lantana flowers attract butterflies and bees, but all parts of the plant are highly toxic to animals and people, so use lantana with caution.

Whether you have a sunny border, a butterfly garden, or a hanging basket in need of some color, plant lantana for a colorful show!

For more information about lantana and many other gardening topics, contact your county extension office or visit Gardening in a Minute dot com.

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