

### Native Host Plants For Central Texas Butterflies

Host Plants: The butterfly lifecycle begins with the female butterfly laying eggs on a host plant. When the eggs hatch, caterpillars will emerge. The caterpillars will feed on leaves from the host plant. In most cases, the host plant survives, but in some cases, such as parsley, the entire plant may be consumed by hungry caterpillars!

<b>Giant Swallowtail</b>	Hop Tree ( <i>Ptelea trifoliata</i> )
<b>Eastern Black Swallowtail</b>	Toothache Tree ( <i>Zanthoxylum hirsutum</i> ) Dutchmen's Breeches ( <i>Thamnosma texana</i> ) Prairie Parsley ( <i>Polytaenia nuttallii</i> ) Prairie Bishop's Weed ( <i>Bifora americana</i> )
<b>Spicebush Swallowtail</b>	Spicebush ( <i>Lindera benzoin</i> )
<b>Pipevine Swallowtail</b>	Swan Flower ( <i>Aristolochia erecta</i> ) Texas Snakeroot ( <i>Aristolochia serpentaria</i> ) Texas Pipevine ( <i>Aristolochia coryi</i> ) Woolly Pipevine ( <i>Aristolochia tomentosa</i> )
<b>Two-Tailed Tiger Swallowtail</b>	Hop Tree ( <i>Ptelea trifoliata</i> )
<b>Eastern Tiger Swallowtail</b>	Escarpment Black Cherry ( <i>Prunus serotina</i> var. <i>Exemia</i> ) Texas Ash ( <i>Fraxinus texensis</i> )
<b>Red-Spotted Purple</b>	Escarpment Black Cherry ( <i>Prunus serotina</i> var. <i>Exemia</i> ) Cottonwood ( <i>Populus deltoides</i> )
<b>Gulf Fritillary, Zebra Longwing and Julia</b>	Passionflower ( <i>Passiflora lutea</i> ) Passionflower ( <i>Passiflora tenuiloba</i> ) Passionflower ( <i>Passiflora affinis</i> ) Maypop ( <i>Passiflora incarnata</i> ) Tagua Passionflower ( <i>Passiflora foetida</i> )
<b>Variegated Fritillary</b>	Flax ( <i>Linum</i> spp.) Passionflower on rare occasions ( <i>Passiflora</i> spp.)
<b>Goatweed Butterfly</b>	Doveweed ( <i>Croton monanthogynus</i> ) Doveweed ( <i>Croton texensis</i> ) Bush Croton ( <i>Croton fruticosus</i> )

<b>Question Mark Butterfly</b>	Hackberry Trees ( <i>Celtis</i> sp.) Elm Trees ( <i>Ulmus</i> sp.)
<b>Dogface Sulphur</b>	Kidneywood ( <i>Eysenhardtia texana</i> ) Black Dalea ( <i>Dalea frutescens</i> ) Purple Prairie Clover ( <i>Dalea compacta</i> )
<b>Sleepy Orange Sulphur</b>	Lindheimer's Senna ( <i>Cassia lindheimerii</i> ) Two-Leaved Senna ( <i>Cassia roemeriana</i> )
<b>Dainty Sulphur</b>	Greenthread ( <i>Thelesperma filifolium</i> ) Navajo Tea ( <i>Thelesperma simplicifolium</i> )
<b>Cloudless Sulphur</b>	Lindheimer's Senna ( <i>Cassia lindheimeri</i> ) Two-Leaved Senna ( <i>Cassia roemeriana</i> ) Partridge Pea ( <i>Chamaecrista fasciculata</i> )
<b>Checkered White</b>	Virginia Peppergrass ( <i>Lepidium virginicum</i> ) Other plants in the Mustard family
<b>Falcate Orange Tip</b>	Virginia Peppergrass ( <i>Lepidium virginicum</i> ) Other plants in the Mustard family
<b>Monarch</b>	Milkweeds ( <i>Asclepias</i> spp.) Milkweed Vine ( <i>Matelea</i> spp.) less frequently
<b>Queen</b>	Green Milkweed ( <i>Asclepias viridis</i> ) Wand Milkweed ( <i>Asclepias viridiflora</i> ) Texas Milkweed ( <i>Asclepias texana</i> ) Other <i>Asclepias</i> spp. less frequently Milkweed Vine ( <i>Cynanchum</i> spp.) Wavy Leaf Milkweed Vine ( <i>Sarcostemma crispum</i> ) Purple Milkweed Vine ( <i>Matelea bifora</i> )
<b>Red Admiral</b>	Stinging Nettles ( <i>Urtica</i> spp.) Pellitory or Cucumber Plant ( <i>Parietaria pennsylvanica</i> )
<b>Painted Lady</b>	Texas Thistle ( <i>Cirsium texana</i> ) Plants in the Mallow family
<b>America Painted Lady</b>	Rabbit Tobacco ( <i>Evax</i> spp.) Others in the Aster family as well
<b>Buckeye</b>	Gerardia ( <i>Agalinus</i> spp.) Plantain ( <i>Plantago</i> spp.) Paintbrush ( <i>Castilleja</i> spp.) Wild Petunia ( <i>Ruellia</i> spp.)
<b>Mourning Cloak</b>	Willows ( <i>Salix</i> spp.) Cottonwood ( <i>Populus deltoides</i> ) Many others used
<b>Bordered Patch</b>	Cowpen Daisy ( <i>Verbesina encelioides</i> ) Golden-Eye ( <i>Viguiera dentata</i> ) Zexmenia ( <i>Zexmenia hispida</i> ) Many other composites used

<b>Janais Patch</b>	Flame Acanthus ( <i>Aniscanthus quadrifidus</i> )
<b>Texas Crescentspot</b>	Plants in the Acanthus family
<b>Phaon Crescentspot</b>	Frogfruit ( <i>Phyla</i> spp.)
<b>Pearly Crescentspot</b>	Aster ( <i>Aster</i> spp.)
<b>Vesta Crescentspot</b>	Hairy Tube Tongue ( <i>Siphonoglossa pilosella</i> )
<b>Common Snout</b>	Hackberry Tree ( <i>Celtis</i> spp.)
<b>Silver-Spotted Skipper</b>	False Indigo ( <i>Amorpha fruticosa</i> )
	Texas Indigo Tree ( <i>Amorpha roemeriana</i> )
<b>Funereal Duskywing</b>	Scarlet Pea ( <i>Indigofera miniata</i> )
	Rattlebush ( <i>Sesbania drummondii</i> )
	Many other legumes
<b>Mottled Duskywing</b>	Redroot, New Jersey Tea ( <i>Ceanothus herbaceous</i> )
<b>Checkered Skipper</b>	Plants in the Mallow family
<b>Clouded Skipper</b>	Big Bluestem ( <i>Andropogon gerardii</i> )
	Little Bluestem ( <i>Schizachyrium scoparium</i> )
	Many Other grass skippers using most any native grass available
<b>Common Wood Nymph</b>	Big Bluestem ( <i>Andropogon gerardii</i> )
	Purpletop Tridens ( <i>Tridens flavus</i> )
<b>Red Satyr</b>	An assortment of native grasses
<b>Gray Hairstreak</b>	Many different host plants
<b>Ceraunus Blue</b>	Scarlet Pea ( <i>Indigofera miniata</i> )
	Bundleflower ( <i>Desmanthus</i> spp.)
	Prairie Clovers ( <i>Dalea</i> spp.)
<b>Reakirt's Blue</b>	Bundleflower ( <i>Desmanthus</i> spp.)
<b>Great Blue Hairstreak</b>	Mistletoe ( <i>Phoradendron tomentosum</i> )