

# NATIVE HOST PLANTS FOR SOUTHEAST TEXAS BUTTERFLIES

## Butterfly

Giant Swallowtail.....  
 Pipevine Swallowtail.....  
 Zebra Swallowtail.....  
 Black Swallowtail.....  
 Tiger Swallowtail.....  
 Spicebush Swallowtail.....  
 Palamedes Swallowtail.....  
 Cloudless Sulphur, Sleepy Orange  
 Little Sulphur.....  
 Soapberry Hairstreak.....  
 Banded Hairstreak.....  
 Northern Hairstreak, Horace's Hairstreak  
 Red Banded Hairstreak.....  
 Cedar Hairstreak.....  
 Henry's Elfin.....  
 E. Pine Elfin.....  
 Cassius Blue, Marine Blue.....  
 Snout Butterfly.....  
 Gulf Fritillary and Variegated Fritillary.  
 Texas Crescent.....  
 Phaon Crescent.....  
 American Painted Lady, Pearl Crescent  
 Question Mark.....  
 Red Admiral.....  
 Painted Lady.....  
 Buckeye.....  
 Red Spotted Purple.....  
 Viceroy.....  
 Hackberry Emperor & Tawny Emperor..  
 Little Wood Satyr.....  
 Monarch and Queen .....

## Plants

Lime Prickley Ash, Hercules Club, Common Hop Tree  
 Aristolochia species (pipevines) A. erecta, A. reticulata, A. tomentosa  
 Paw Paw (Asimina triloba, A. parviflora)  
 Apiaceae (Prairie Parsley)  
 Ash species, Black Cherry  
 Spicebush, Sassafras, Sweetbay Magnolia  
 Red Bay, Sassafras, Sweetbay Magnolia  
 Senna, Partridge Pea  
 Senna, Partridge Pea, Powderpuff  
 Western Soapberry  
 Oaks, Hickories, Walnuts  
 Oak species ( Bur, Willow, Water, Swamp Chestnut, Red)  
 Sumacs, Southern Wax Myrtle, Croton, Oaks  
 Eastern Red Cedar  
 Redbud, Vaccinium, Hollies, Viburnum, Texas Mountain Laurel, Mexican Buckeye  
 Native Pines (not slash or non-natives)  
 Rattlebox, various legumes  
 Hackberry species  
 Passion flower (Passiflora incarnata, P. foetida, P. lutea)  
 Flame Acanthus, Ruellia, Water Willow  
 Frog Fruit (Phyla incisa)  
 Asteraceae: Asters, Sunflowers, Echinacea, Coreopsis, Eupatorium, Liatris, Rudbeckia  
 Elm, Hackberry species, nettle  
 Nettle (Urtica), False Nettle (Boermeria)  
 Thistle, Mallows (Malvaceae), Hibiscus, Sida  
 Toadflax, Plantain (Plantago), Ruellia  
 Black Cherry, Cottonwood, Hawthorns  
 Willows, Cottonwood, Cherry trees  
 Hackberry species  
 Various grasses  
 Asclepiadaceae, Milkweed species  
 Legumes (Acacia, Baptisia, Mimosa, Sesbania, Senna, Sophora, Amorpha)  
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 Baptisia, Lupines, Crown Vetch, Rattlebush,  
 Sidas, Globe-mallows, other Mallows  
 Little Bluestem  
 Grasses  
 Sedges, Marsh Millet  
 Sedges  
 Grasses



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