Today, butterfly gardens are referred to as “pollinator” gardens as they attract other pollinators besides just butterflies. Our garden is planted for Southwest Florida. Butterflies and their larvae can be found in our garden all months of the year, but the majority are here during the summer and fall months. The Monarchs found in Florida only migrate within the state and do not fly to Mexico, so they, along with the Gulf Fritillary, are commonly seen during the winter months.

The garden has benches where you can relax and watch the butterflies flutter-by plus a small water feature which attracts our local dragonflies and damselflies. A brochure and a plant list are in a box that is located under the Pollinator Garden sign.

The garden is open daily during daylight hours.

Monarchs are common year-round
White Peacock are common in the summer.
Gulf Fritillary are common year-round
Our Pollinator Garden Plant List

Non-natives are in red print

**Primarily for Nectar:**

- **Bahama Strongbark**, *Bourreroa succulenta*
- **Beach Sunflower**, *Helianthus debilis*
- **Blanket Flower**, *Gallardia pulchella*
- **Bloodberry**, *Cordia globose*
- **Blue Curls**, *Trichostema dichotomum*
- **Blue Porterweed**, *Stachytarpheta jamaicensis*
- **Dwarf Golden Dewdrop** "Gold Mound", *Duranta repens*
- **Dwarf Wild Coffee or Bahama Wild Coffee**, *Psychotria ligustrifolia*
- **Fiddlewood**, *Citharcylum spinosum*
- **Firebush**, *Hamelia patens*—butterflies and hummingbirds
- **Jamaica Caper**, *Capparis cynophallophora*
- **Jatropha**, *Jatropha integerrima*
- **Mist Flower**, *Conoclinium coelestinum*
- **Necklace Pod**, *Sophora tomentosa var. truncate*—hummingbirds
- **Pentas** "Ruby Red", *Pentas lanceolate*
- **Scorpiontail**, *Heliotropium angiospermum*
- **Sea Oxeye Daisy**, *Borrichia frutescens*
- **Slender Flattop Goldenrod**, *Euthamia caroliniana*
- **Softleaf Wild Coffee**, *Psychotria sulzneri*
- **Spotted Beebalm or Horsemint**, *Monarda punctate*
- **Starry Rosinweed**, *Silphium asteriscus*
- **Tall Elephantsfoot**, *Elephantopus elatus*
- **Tropical Sage**, *Salvia coccinea* - butterflies and hummingbirds
- **White Indigo Berry**, *Rendia aaculeata*
- **White Lantana**, *Lantana involucrate*
- **Wild Coffee**, *Psychotria nervosa*
Host Plants (Host plants are the food for the butterfly larvae):

Bahama Cassia, *Senna Mexicana var. chapmanii* - Cloudless Sulphur, Orange-barred Sulphur, Sleepy Orange

Bandana-of the-Everglades or Yellow Canna, *Canna flaccida*—Brazilian Skipper

Butterfly Pea, *Centrosema virginianum*—Long-tailed Skipper

Capeweed or Frogfruit, *Phyla nodiflora*—Phaon Crescent, White Peacock

Corkystem Passionflower, *Passiflora suberosa*—Gulf Fritillary, Julia Heliconian, Zebra Heliconian

**Dutchman’s Pipe, Aristolochia gigantea**—Polydamas Swallowtail

Eastern Milkpea, *Galactia regularis*—Cassius Blue, Long-tailed Skipper

False Nettle, *Boehmeria cylindrica*—Red Admiral

**Fennel, Foeniculum vulgare**—Black Swallowtail

Herb-of-Grace, *Bacopa monnieri* - White Peacock

Partridge Pea, *Chamaecrista fasciculate*—Cerunus Blue, Cloudless Sulphur, Gray Hairstreak

Privet Cassia, *Senna ligustrina*—Orange-barred Sulphur

Tropical Milkweed, *Asclepias*

**Twinflower, Dyschoriste humistrata**—Common Buckeye

Wild Lime, *Zanthoxylum fagara*—Giant Swallowtail

Wild Petunia, *Ruellia caroliniana*