

A partial view of our Pollinator Garden which was planted in the fall of 2016.

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 liqustrifolia

Fiddlewood, Citharcxylum 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 cylindrical—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