

## PLANTING REFERENCE : BUTTERFLY ATTRACTING GARDENS

We pulled together a short list of easy to care for plants that butterflies love. If you include some of these in your gardens it will help to attract butterflies.



### **Bleeding Heart**

Bleeding Hearts have an unique flower and fine-textured, blue-green foliage. Available in several varieties, you can find Bleeding Hearts in shades of red or pink and also in white.



### **Lamium**

This is a very fast growing perennial and it can be invasive, so be watchful. Lamium prefers a semi-shady dry area with well-drained soil but will tolerate a wide range of soils.



### **Astilbe**

This perennial has delicate fern like foliage. Their plume like flowers rise above the foliage in early to late summer. They can be found in shades of pink, white and red. Astilbes are a great addition to a shade garden.



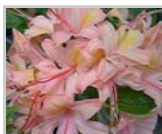
### **Leucothoe**

This is either deciduous or evergreen depending on species. The flowers are produced in groupings, each flower bell-shaped, white or occasionally pink.



### **Mountain Laurel**

This CT state flower grows wild all over the mountains of the Carolinas. Mountain laurel flowers vary from pure white to pink, with variable amounts of red markings.



### **Azalea**

All North American azaleas, are deciduous (drop their leaves in the fall) but there are some evergreen species out there. The flower colors ranging from white to purple, pink, red, orange and yellow so they are perfect in any color garden scheme.



### **Andromeda**

Andromeda is one of the loveliest evergreen shrubs. A relative of the rhododendron family, it has lovely tiny bell shape spring flowers in a variety of colors.