



Top Photo: Illinois Wildflowers
Bottom Photo: Missouri Botanical
Gardens

Butterfly Weed

Asclepias tuberosa

Light:	Full Sun
Soil:	Sandy
Moisture:	Dry, Medium
Benefits:	Pollinators, Birds, Deer Resistant, Host Plant
Height:	2'
Blooms:	Jun, Jul, Aug
Zones:	3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9
Color:	Yellow-orange, Orange
Spacing:	1-3'
Root:	Tap root

One of our showiest native wildflowers, Butterfly Weed prefers well-drained sandy soil in full sun. Blooming throughout summer provides a great food source: the flowers attract many butterflies, bees and the ruby-throated hummingbird while the leaves feed monarch butterfly caterpillars.

Sometimes known as Butterfly Milkweed, this species does not have the milky-sapped stems like many of the other milkweeds. Once established, it may freely self-seed.