



Daggerwing Nature Center Butterfly Garden Guide



Daggerwing's garden is a certified butterfly sanctuary
by the Florida Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc.

Host Plant: The plant used for food by a specific species (caterpillars).

Nectar Source: Flowering plant that creates nectar, which attracts pollinating insects or birds.



Ruellia

- Nectar source
- Colonies of stemmy stalks with purple flowers



Aster

- Nectar source
- Plant with daisy like lavender-blue flowers



Black-Eyed Susan

- Nectar source
- Red or yellow wildflower



White Alder

- Nectar source
- Shrub with white buttercup flowers



Coontie

- Host plant - Atalas
- Palm/fern-like plant, with glossy-green leaves



Mussaenda

- Nectar source
- Shrub with yellow flowers and ovate green and white leaves



Pitch Apple

- Nesting site for birds
- Medium-sized tree with broad shaped, leathery leaves



Shrimp Plant

- Nectar source
- Plant with drooping spikes of various colors that resemble a shrimp



Queen's Wreath or Petrea

- Nectar source
- Shrub with purple star-shaped flowers



Plumbago

- Nectar source
- Bush with blue or white flowers that blooms all year long



Jatropha

- Nectar source
- Shrub with clusters of red, star-shaped flowers



Panama Rose or Bush Penta

- Nectar source
- Large shrub with pink flowers



Allamanda

- Nectar source
- Tropical shrub with trumpet-shaped, yellow flowers



Lantana

- Nectar source
- Tropical shrub that produces various color blooms all year long



Milkweed

- Host plant - Monarchs, Queens
- Toxic plant with bright yellow or orange flowers



Fiddlewood

- Nectar source
- Small tree bearing small, five-lobed flowers



Firebush

- Nectar source
- Shrub with bright reddish-orange tubular flowers



Penta

- Nectar source
- Decorative plant with five-petaled flowers that come in various colors



Salvia

- Nectar source
- Tall shrub with various colored flowers that grow on spikes



Porterweed

- Nectar source
- Bush with small red/blue flowers that grow on spikes



Parsley

- Host plant - Black Swallowtails
- Bright green, leafy herb



Cocoplum

- Food source for birds and other wildlife
- Bushy shrub/tree with green and red leaves and plum-like fruit



Cat's Whiskers

- Nectar source
- Shrub with purple or white flowers resembling cat's whiskers



Buddha Belly

- Nectar source
- Bottle-shaped stem with red flowers



Scorpion Tail

- Nectar source
- Bush with white flowers shaped like a scorpion's tail



Wild Lime

- Host plant - Giant Swallowtails
- Thorny shrub or small tree



Beauty Berry

- Food source for birds
- Shrub that produces clusters of purple berries



Candlebush

- Host plant - Sulphurs
- Bush with ornate yellow flowers



Pipevine

- Host plant - Pipevine Swallowtails
- Climbing vine with heart-shaped leaves



Passionvine

- Host plant - Fritillaries, Zebras, Julias
- Climbing vine with large purple or red flowers

