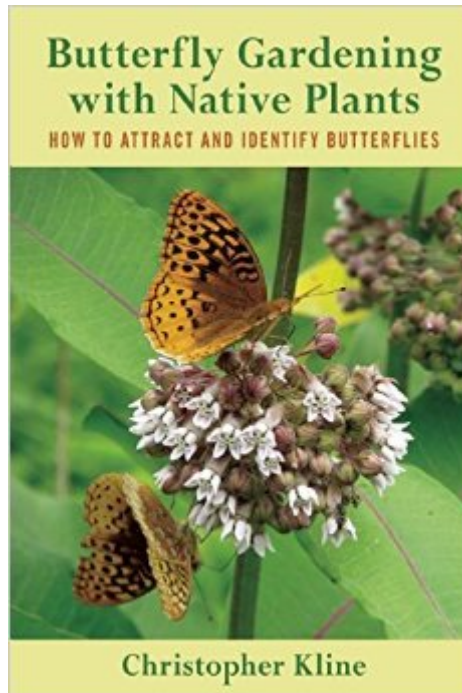


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Butterfly Gardening With Native Plants: How To Attract And Identify Butterflies



Synopsis

Butterfly expert Christopher Kline provides an easy-to-read introduction to the topic in *Butterfly Gardening with Native Plants*, a how-to guide covering butterfly gardening basics, garden designs, common butterflies in the garden, native nectar, guide to host plants, and sources for native plants. Included are over 150 color photographs as well as several detailed illustrations on garden layout. With this guide, it is easy to choose plants to attract specific species of butterflies, and Kline provides a photo guide for identifying butterflies as well. On every page there is a basic timeline to indicate the best season for both plants and butterfly sightings. *Butterfly Gardening with Native Plants* is more than just a collection of pretty pictures. This book takes readers into the world of gardening from a butterfly's perspective. As available habitats continually decrease for butterflies, the use of native plants in the home landscape becomes more critical. This book will walk you through the process of using native plants to attract butterflies to your home landscape. *Butterfly Gardening with Native Plants* is a must-have for those who love butterflies and want to attract them to their property.

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Butterfly Gardening with Native Plants by Christopher Kline is a must-have for those who love butterflies and want to attract them to their property. Directions of how important it is in using correct (native) plantings to attract butterflies, the butterfly life cycle, design basics for different butterfly gardens, pages of beautiful common butterflies (color and descriptions!), pages of native nectar plants including flowers (color and descriptions!), and a complete mapping of trees and grasses that

are associated with butterfly attracting. Completing this wonderful small (102 pages) wonderful soft back book with a complete index of content makes Butterfly Gardening with Native Plants a very handy, knowledgeable and useful addition to your library!

This book is aimed at the beginner gardener and is easy to read. It has pictures of common butterflies that may visit your yard, so it can also be used as a reference for butterfly identification. He recommends different native plants that will attract pollinators to your garden. He also includes garden planting suggestions. This is a good book for the beginner who is unsure on how to do plant arrangements and which native plants to add to the garden.

This book is useful if you live in the Midwest (especially Ohio where the author lives) because the butterfly and plant species described in the book are native to this area of the country. You already have to know the basics of gardening before you can use the information in this book. The book covers why people should have a butterfly garden with native plants, several garden designs (general butterfly garden, caterpillar garden, and monarch garden), a guide to butterflies you might encounter in the Midwest, a guide to native plants for a butterfly garden, and a guide to which plants are good hosts for particular butterfly species. Each butterfly and plant entry has a bar at the top with the approximate time frame when you might see that butterfly and when that plant is in bloom. The author also lists his "top ten" plants for a butterfly garden. Each entry has at least one color photo of the butterfly or plant species described. Oddly, there is a title page for a seventh chapter of the book on sources for native plants but the index comes right after this and there is no information on this topic in the book. I recommend this book if you live in the Midwest and already have basic gardening knowledge and experience or you will use this book as a companion to a basic gardening book as you begin a gardening hobby.

Excellent overview of what you need to do to make your Midwest backyard come alive with butterflies. I specifically purchased this book because we wanted to use native plants to support the entire life cycle of butterflies.

Gardening for butterflies is really fun and makes for lots of beauty. Chris Kline knows this subject well. He is a good writer and experienced educator. Whether you're a home gardener or a citizen scientist, keep an eye on this author. More is sure to come.

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