

Native Plant Backyard Gardening
Habitat for birds (resident and migratory) and Butterflies

Butterfly Defintions:

Host Plant (H): used by specific butterfly species to lay eggs. Only host plant leaves can be the food source for the emerging caterpillar. They can be heavily eaten by the growing caterpillars

Nectar Plant: food source for adult butterflies of many species.

Bergern County Native Plants		
Shrubs		Butterfly(s)
Spicebush (<i>Lindera benzoin</i>) (H)		Spicebush Swallowtail
Buttonbush (<i>Cephalanthus occidentalis</i>)		
Clethra "Summersweet" (<i>Clethra alnifolia</i>)		
Elderberry (<i>Sambucus canadensis</i>)		
Redosier Dogwood or Red Twig Dogwood (<i>Cornus amomum</i>) (H)		Spring Azure
Virginia Sweetspire "Itea" (<i>Itea virginica</i>)		
Winterberry Holly (<i>Ilex verticillata</i>)		
Red Chokeberry (<i>Photinia pyrifolia</i>) or Black Chokeberry (<i>Photinia melanocarpa</i>)		
New Jersey Tea (<i>Ceanothus americanus</i>) (H)		Spring Azure & Sumer Azure
Mapleleaf Viburnum (<i>Viburnum acerifolium</i>)		Spring Azure
Native Azalea		
Arrowwood Viburnum (<i>Ciborium dentatum</i>)		
Oakleaf Hydrangea (<i>Hydrangea quercifolia</i>)		
American Cranberry Viburnum (<i>Viburnum opulus</i>) (H)		Spring Azure
Silky Dogwood (<i>Cornus amomum</i>)		
Northern Bayberry (<i>Morella pensylvanica</i>)		
Coralberry (<i>Symphoricarpos</i>)		
Grasses		Butterfly(s)
Switchgrass (<i>Panicum virgatum</i>)		Least Skipper & various other Skippers
Big Bluestem (<i>Andropogon gerardii</i>)		Delaware Skipper
Little Bluestem (<i>Andropogon scoparius</i>)		Indian Skipper & various other skippers
Vines		Butterfly(s)
Pipevine (<i>Aristolochia macrophylla</i>)		Pipevine Swallowtail
Trumpet Vine (<i>Campsis radicans</i>)		Ruby-throated Hummingbird
Virginia Creeper (<i>Parthenocissus quinquefolia</i>)		various Sphinx Moths
Dropmore Honeysuckle (<i>Lonicera x brownii</i>)		Spring Azure
Small Trees		Butterfly(s)
Flowering Dogwood (<i>Cornus florida</i>)		Spring Azure
Pagoda Dogwood (<i>Cornus alternifolia</i>)		Spring Azure
Serviceberry/Shadbush (<i>Amelanchier</i>)		Red-spotted Purple
Eastern Red Cedar (<i>Juniperus virginiana</i>)		

Flowers- Annuals (nectar sources)		
Cosmos (cosmos parviflorus)		
Lantana (lantana urticoides)		
Host Flowers (nectar source)		Butterfly(s)
Pink Milkweed (asclepias incarnata)		Monarch
Common Milkweed (asclepias syriaca L.)		Monarch
Butterfly Weed (asclepias tuberosa)		Monarch
False Indigo (baptisia australis)		Wild Indigo Duskywing
New York Aster (symphyotrichum novi-belgii)		Pearl Crescent
New England Aster (symphyotrichum novae-angliae)		Pearl Crescent
White turtlehead (chelone glabra)		Baltimore Checkerspot
Golden Zizia (zizia aurea)		Black Swallowtail
Flowers- (Perennials) nectar sources for butterflies & hummingbirds		Hummingbirds
Cup Plant (silphium perfoliatum)		
Purple Coneflower (Echinacea purpurea)		
Thread Leaf Coreopsis (Coreopsis verticillata)		
Oxeye sunflower "False Sunflower" (Heliopsis helianthoides)		
Queen of the Prairie (Filipendula rubra)		
Blazing Star (Liatris spicata)		
Culver's Root (veronicastrum virginicum)		
Obedient Plant (Physostegia virginicum)		
Mountain Mint (Pycnanthemum virginianum)		
Rose Mallow (Hibiscus moscheutos)		Rudy-throated Hummingbird
Great Blue Lobelia (lobelia siphilitica)		Rudy-throated Hummingbird
Cardinal Flower (Lobelia cardinalis)		Rudy-throated Hummingbird
Wild Bergamot (Monarda fistulosa)		Rudy-throated Hummingbird
Bee Blam- Jacob's Cline (Monarda didyma)		Rudy-throated Hummingbird
Goldenrod (solidago altissima L.)		
Goldenrod (solidago arguta aiton)		
White Snakeroot (Ageratina altissima)		
Wild Ageratum (Conoclinium coelestinum)		
Late Bloom Boneset (Eupatorium serotinum)		
Common Boneset (Eupatorium perfoliatum)		
New York (Vernonia noveboracensis)		
Yellow Giant Hyssop (Agastache nepetoides)		
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