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HUMMINGBIRDS, BEES AND BUTTERFLIES, PLEASE!

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WELCOME POLLINATORS!

We all love hummingbirds and butterflies. Their graceful antics and colors are a delight in motion. But we mustn't forget bees - those busy, workhorses of pollination without which many of our plants and trees would be fruitless.

All three need to sip flower nectar to survive and by planting right you can bring these wonderful pollinators to your garden and orchard. Start by choosing a variety of plants that will bloom as many months of the year as possible and pick the right plant for your spot.

While there are a multitude of plants that butterflies and bees go wild for, the list is smaller for hummingbirds. We decided to gear our list for hummingbirds first and cross index for butterflies and bees. At the end of our list are many wonderful websites that will steer you toward more plants for butterflies and bees.

Our guide is primarily for Zone 8, Northern Florida, so if you live in other areas of the United States check with your local Agricultural Extension Office, Master Gardener groups or the Internet to find plants that will work in your area.

Be sure to also check out our Just the Facts on Beneficial Insects for habitat Dos and Don'ts: <http://www.justfruitsandexotics.com/JF%20BeneficialInsectGuide.pdf>

Hummingbird Plants for Zone 8

Type	Common Name	Botanical Name	FL Native	Bee Plant?	Butterfly Plant?	Light	Evergreen or Not?
Vine	Trumpet Creeper	Campsis radicans	FL Native	Bee plant		Sun	Deciduous
Vine	Coral Honeysuckle	Lonicera sempervirens	FL Native		Nectar plant	Sun	Semi-evergreen
Vine	Cross Vine (Tangerine Beauty)	Bignonia capreolata	FL Native	Bee plant		Sun	Semi-evergreen
Vine	Cypress Vine (can be invasive)	Ipomoea quamoclit			Nectar plant	Sun	Annual, Re-seeds
Vine	Flame Vine	Pyrostegia venusta				Sun	Tender to freezes, Container plant
Vine	Hyacinth Bean	Dolichos lablab				Sun	Annual
Vine	Scarlet Morning Glory	Ipomoea coccinea	FL Native		Nectar plant	Sun	Annual
Vine	Purple-leaf Honeysuckle	Lonicera japonica				Sun	Semi-evergreen
Shrub	Abelia	Abelia grandiflora & Abelia sinensis		Bee plant	Nectar plant	Sun	Evergreen to Deciduous
Shrub	Bottlebrush (all types)	Callistemon		Bee plant		Sun	Evergreen
Shrub	Bottlebrush Buckeye	Aesculus parviflora		Bee plant	Nectar plant	Sun	Deciduous
Shrub	Cape Honeysuckle	Tecomaria capensis			Nectar plant	Sun	Semi-evergreen. May freeze to ground but will return
Shrub	Firebush	Hamelia patens	FL Native		Nectar plant	Sun	Freezes to ground but returns
Shrub	Florida Flame Azalea (and all Native Azalea)	Rhododendron austrinum	FL Native		Nectar plant	Shade	Deciduous
Shrub	Flowering Quince	Chaenomeles japonica				Sun	Deciduous
Shrub	Hardy Hibiscus (Red Swamp Mallow)	Hibiscus coccineus	FL Native		Host & Nectar plant	Sun	Freezes to ground but returns
Shrub	Purple Anise	Illicium floridanum	FL Native	Bee plant	Nectar plant	Shade	Evergreen
Shrub	Rose of Sharon	Hibiscus syriacus			Nectar plant	Sun	Deciduous

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Shrub	Tropical Hibiscus	Hibiscus rosa-sinensis			Nectar plant	Sun	Tender to freezes, Container plant
Shrub	Turk's Cap	Malvastrum arboreus			Host & Nectar plant	Sun	Freezes to ground but returns
Shrub	Weigela	Weigela florida			Nectar Plant	Sun	Deciduous
Shrub	Winter Honeysuckle	Lonicera fragrantissima				Sun	Deciduous
Shrub	Yellow Bells (or Yellow Elder)	Tecoma stan				Sun	Freezes to ground but returns
Tree	Red Buckeye	Aesculus pavia	FL Native			Sun	Deciduous
Tree	Silverbell	Halesia spp.				Sun	Deciduous
Tree	Big-Flower Silverbell	Halesia diptera magniflor	FL Native			Sun	Deciduous
Tree	Vitex or Chaste Tree	Vitex agnus-castus		Bee plant	Nectar plant	Sun	Deciduous
Perennial	Agastache or Hyssop	Agastache		Bee plant	Nectar plant	Sun	Semi-evergreen but returns
Perennial	Autumn Sage	Salvia greggii		Bee plant	Nectar plant	Sun	Evergreen
Perennial	Beardtongue	Penstemon laevigatus	FL Native	Bee plant	Nectar plant	Sun	Evergreen
Perennial	Bee Balm	Monarda didyma		Bee plant	Nectar plant	Sun	Freezes to ground but returns
Perennial	Black and Blue Salvia (also Blue Anise Sage & Giant Blue Sage)	Salvia guaranitica		Bee plant	Nectar plant	Sun	Freezes to ground but returns
Perennial	Blazing Star	Liatris spp	FL Native	Bee plant	Nectar	Sun	Freezes to ground but returns
Perennial	Bush Morning Glory	Ipomoea carnea fistulosa				Sun	Freezes to ground but returns
Perennial	Butterfly Bush	Buddleja davidii (also known as Buddleia)			Nectar plant	Sun	Deciduous

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Perennial	Butterfly Milkweed	Asclepius tuberosa	FL Native		Host & Nectar plant	Sun	Freezes to ground but returns
Perennial	Canna Lily	Canna				Sun	Freezes to ground but returns
Perennial	Cardinal Flower	Lobelia cardinalis	FL Native		Nectar plant	Sun	Evergreen
Perennial	Cigar Plant	Cuphea ignea & Cuphea micropetala			Nectar plant	Sun	Freezes to ground but returns
Perennial	Columbine (Red)	Aquilegia canadensis	FL Native			Sun	Evergreen
Perennial	Coral Bean	Erythrina herbacea	FL Native		Nectar plant	Sun	Freezes to ground but returns
Perennial	Coral Plant	Jatropha integerrima				Sun	Tender to freezes, Container plant
Perennial	Coral Tree (Cry-Baby)	Erythrina crista-galli				Sun	Freezes to ground but returns
Perennial	Firecracker Plant	Russelia equisetiformis			Host & Nectar plant	Sun	Semi-evergreen
Perennial	Firespike	Odontonema strictum				Sun	Freezes to ground but returns
Perennial	Forsythia Sage	Salvia madrensis		Bee plant	Nectar plant	Sun	Freezes to ground but returns
Perennial	Hummingbird Plant	Dicliptera suberecta				Sun	Semi-evergreen
Perennial	Indian Pink	Spigelia marilandica	FL Native			Shade to Part Sun	Freezes to ground but returns
Perennial	Lantana	Lantana camera			Nectar plant	Sun	Freezes to ground but returns
Perennial	Lily of the Nile	Agapanthus				Sun	Semi-evergreen
Perennial	Lion's Ear	Leonotus leonurus				Sun	Freezes to ground but returns
Perennial	Lyreleaf Sage	Salvia lyrata			Nectar plant	Sun	Freezes to ground but returns
Perennial	Mexican Bush Sage	Salvia leucantha				Sun	Freezes to ground but returns

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Perennial	Obedient Plant	Physostegia spp.	FL Native		Nectar plant	Sun	Evergreen
Perennial	Pineapple Sage	Salvia elegans		Bee plant	Nectar plant	Sun	Tender Perennial
Perennial	Red Hot Poker	Kniphofia				Sun	Freezes to ground but returns
Perennial	Shrimp Plant	Justicia brandegeana			Nectar plant	Shade to Part Sun	Freezes to ground but returns
Perennial	Soap Aloe	Aloe saponaria				Sun	Evergreen
Perennial	Spotted Horsemint	Monarda punctata	FL Native	Bee plant	Nectar plant	Sun	Evergreen
Biennial	Standing Cypress	Ipomopsis rubra	FL Native			Sun to Part Shade	Biannual
Annual	Forest Fire or Scarlet Salvia	Salvia coccinea	FL Native	Bee plant	Nectar plant	Sun	Re-seeds
Annual	Four O'Clocks	Mirabilis				Sun	Re-seeds
Annual	Fuchsia	Fuchsia				Light Shade	Annual
Annual	Hollyhocks (hard to grow in FL)	Althaea rosea			Host plant	Sun	Annual
Annual	Impatiens	Impatiens wallerana		Bee plant		Shade	May re-seed
Annual	Larkspur	Consolida ajacis or Delphinium spp.				Sun	Annual
Annual	Lion's Ear	Leonitis nepetifolia				Sun	Annual
Annual	Nasturium	Tropaeolum majus				Light Shade to Part Sun	Annual
Annual	Nicotiana (Flowering Tobacco)	Nicotiana			Nectar plant	Sun	Annual
Annual	Pentas	Pentas lanceolata			Host & Nectar plant	Sun	Annual
Annual	Petunias	Petunia				Sun	Annual
Annual	Snapdragon	Antirrhinum majus			Host plant	Sun	Annual

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Annual	Spider Flower	Cleome spp				Sun	Annual
Annual	Spotted Jewelweed	Impatiens campensis				Shade	Re-seeds
Annual	Wishbone flower	Torenia fournieri			Nectar plant	Part to Full Shade	Annual
Annual	Zinna	Zinnia elegans		Bee plant	Nectar plant	Sun	Annual
Annual	Mexican Zinnia	Zinnia haageana			Nectar plant	Sun	Annual

Website references:

For a list of Florida butterflies:

<http://www.thebutterflysite.com/florida-butterflies.shtml>

<http://www.butterfliesandmoths.org/>

For a list of Bee plants in Florida:

<http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/aa088>

Guide for many types of Pollinators in our region of the USA:

<http://www.pollinator.org/PDFs/Guides/OuterCoastalrx7FINAL.pdf>

Hummingbird information sites:

<http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/uw059>

<http://www.rubythroat.org/>

<http://www.hummingbirds.net/attract.html>

<http://auduboninternational.org/PDFs/WHM-%20Hummingbird%20Plants-%20Southeast%20and%20So%20Florida.pdf>

Sighted butterflies in Wakulla County

http://www.butterfliesandmoths.org/checklists?species_type=All&tid=580

List of Florida Native plants in Wakulla County:

http://www.fnps.org/pages/plants/plants_by_county.php?county=WAKULLA