

# FAIRCHILD TROPICAL GARDEN

## Butterfly - Attracting Plants for South Florida

| Common name                        | Botanical name                    | Florida native          | Larval food for:                         | Nectar source for:  |
|------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------------|--|---|
| * Firebush                         | <i>Hamelia patens</i>             | Y                       |  | Zebra longwing, Eastern Black swallowtail, monarch, Sulphurs, fritillary                |
| * Dutchman's Pipe                  | <i>Aristolochia elegans</i>       |                         | Polydamas swallowtail                    |   |
| * Pentas – dark red and pure white | <i>Pentas lanceolata</i>          |                         |  | Many, especially swallowtails   |
| * Passion flower                   | <i>Passiflora spp.</i>            | Only <i>P. suberosa</i> | Zebra longwing, gulf fritillary          |   |
| * Coontie                          | <i>Zamia pumila</i>               | Y                       | Atala                                    |   |
| Blue porterweed                    | <i>Stachytarpheta urticifolia</i> |                         |  | White peacock, Orange-barred sulphur, gulf fritillary, zebra longwing, Julia many       |
| Red Porterweed                     |                                   |                         |  |   |
| * Native porterweed                | <i>Stachytarpheta jamaicensis</i> | Y                       |  | White peacock, Cloudless sulphur, gulf fritillary, Great southern White, Monarch, Julia |
| * Desert cassia                    | <i>Senna polyphylla</i>           |                         | All Sulphurs                             | All Sulphurs  |
| * Scarlet milkweed                 | <i>Asclepias curassavica</i>      | Y                       | Monarch, Queen                           | Monarch, Queen  |
| * Wild lime                        | <i>Zanthoxylum fagara</i>         | Y                       | Giant Swallowtail, Tiger swallowtail     |   |
| Bahama senna                       | <i>Cassia chapmanii</i>           | Y                       | Orange-barred Sulphur, cloudless sulphur | Orange-barred sulphur   |
| Curacao bush                       | <i>Cordia globosa</i>             | Y                       |  | Ruddy daggerwing, Atala, Julia, sulphurs, gulf fritillary                               |
| Butterfly bush                     | <i>Buddleja davidii</i>           |                         |  | many  |
| Lantana                            | <i>Lantana sp.</i>                | some                    |  | many  |
| White plumbago                     | <i>Plumbago scandens</i>          |                         | Cassius blue                             | Cassius blue  |
| Herbs – dill, parsley, fennel, rue |                                   |                         | Eastern Black Swallowtail                |   |

\* Must-have plants for the beginner butterfly garden.