

# PLANT CALIFORNIA

## SMALL SPACE BUTTERFLY GARDEN

MILKWEED IS ESSENTIAL TO A BUTTERFLY GARDEN TO ATTRACT MONARCH BUTTERFLIES WHOSE NUMBERS ARE DWINDLING. MILKWEED IS THE ONLY PLANT THAT MONARCH CATERPILLARS EAT. OTHER BUTTERFLY FAVORITES INCLUDE LAVENDER, DAISY, CASCADE CREEK CALIFORNIA GOLDENROD, HYBRID CATMINT, CALIFORNIA PIPEVINE AND SAINT CATHERINE'S LACE. MANY OF THESE PLANTS ALSO ATTRACT HUMMINGBIRDS! A BUTTERFLY GARDEN CAN BE AS SIMPLE AS A SINGLE POT OR WINDOW BOX OR A GROUPING OF SEVERAL POTS AND/OR CONTAINERS. CONSULT A LOCAL NURSERY PROFESSIONAL TO IDENTIFY THE KINDS OF PLANTS THAT BUTTERFLIES LIKE BEST.

## MATERIALS

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| 1. CONTAINER(S) | 5. TROWEL          |
| 2. POTTING SOIL | 6. WATER CONTAINER |
| 3. FERTILIZER   | 7. GRAVEL          |
| 4. GLOVES       | 8. PLANTS          |



## STEPS

**CHOOSE WELL**

BE SURE YOUR CONTAINER-OF-CHOICE IS BIG ENOUGH TO INCLUDE SEVERAL DIFFERENT TYPES OF PLANTS & THAT IT HAS PROPER DRAINAGE. ALSO, WHEN SELECTING YOUR CONTAINER(S), KEEP IN MIND THAT THESE TYPES OF PLANTS DO BEST IN FULL SUN.

**SHOP AROUND**

BUTTERFLIES LOVE VARIETY SO INCLUDE DIFFERENT COLORS, TEXTURES, & SIZES OF PLANTS. WE USED INCLUDE: BUTTERFLY BUSH/BUDDLEIA, DAYLILY/HEMEROCALLIS, LAVENDER/LAVENDULA, SAGE/SALVIA, SWEET ALYSSUM/LOBULARIA & YARROW.

**THRILLER, FILLER, & SPILLER**

DETERMINE WHERE EACH PLANT WILL GO. A THRILLER IS THE TALLEST, SET IT IN THE CENTER OR REAR OF THE CONTAINER. FILLERS ARE SMALLER & DO BEST INFRONT OF, OR IN A CIRCULAR PATTERN AROUND THE THRILLER. SPILLERS ARE THE SMALLEST & GRACE THE FRONT EDGES OF THE CONTAINER SPILLING OVER THE EDGE AS THEY GROW.

**ROLL UP YOUR SLEEVES**

ADD PLANTING MIX TO YOUR CONTAINER, START WITH MOIST SOIL & PRESS FIRMLY, BY HAND. ADD AN ORGANIC STARTER FERTILIZER, WHICH CAN IMPROVE PLANT HEALTH.

**DIG IN**

PLANT YOUR PLANTS, ONE BY ONE, MAKING SURE YOU BREAK UP THE ROOT BALL PRIOR TO PLANTING, & THAT THE CROWN OF EACH PLANT IS SLIGHTLY ABOVE THE SOIL. ADD ADDITIONAL SOIL AS THE PLANTS SETTLE IN,

**WATCH & LEARN**

IN THE DAYS & WEEKS AFTER PLANTING, BE CONSCIOUS OF WATERING. THESE PLANTS ARE PERENNIALS, SO ALTHOUGH THEY WILL DIE IN WINTER, THEY WILL RE-BLOOM IN SPRING. IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS, ASK A NURSERY OR GARDEN CENTER PRO WHO CAN HELP TROUBLESHOOT & KEEP YOUR GARDEN FULL OF FRIENDLY BUGS!

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