10 POP PERENNIAL HERBS & THE POLLINATORS THEY ATTRACT

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STRAWBERRY (Fragaria vesca)

77 species of butterflies and moths use strawberry as a caterpillar host plant

Zone 7A/7B Bloom Time: May-July







Left to right: Northern Grizzled Skipper (Pyrgus centaureae), Isabella Tiger Moth (Pyrrharctia isabella), Crocus Geometer (Xanthotype sospeta)



GOLDEN ROD (Solidago spp.)

126 species of butterflies and moths use goldenrod as a caterpillar host plant

Zone 7A/7B Bloom Time: July-October







Left to right: Helviobotys helvialis (Helvibotys helvialis), Green Owlet (Leuconycta diphteroides), Asteroid Moth (Cucillia asteroides)



JOE PYE WEED (Eutrochium purpureum)

35 species of butterflies and moths use joe pye weed as a caterpillar host plant

Zone 7A/7B Bloom Time: July-September







Left to right: Eyed Dysodia Moth (Dysodia oculatana), Boneset Borer Moth (Carmenta pyralidiformis), Clymene Moth (Haploa clymene)



WILD INDIGO (Baptisia australis)

20 species of butterflies and moths use wild indigo as a caterpillar host plant

Zone 7A/7B Bloom Time: July-August







Left to right: Jaguar Flower Moth (Schinia jauarina), Hoary Edge Butterfly (Achalarus lyciades), Tiger Moth (Sitochroa dasconalis)



BROWN EYED SUSAN (Rudbeckia triloba)

75 species of butterflies and moths use brown-eyed susan as a caterpillar host <u>plant</u>







Zone 7A/7B Bloom Time: July-October Left to right: Silvery Checkerspot Chlosyne (Chlosyne nycteis), Gray Blotched Epiblema (Epiblema carolinana), Meadow Rue Borer (Papaipema unimoda)



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YARROW (Achillea millefolium)

16 species of butterflies and moths use yarrow as a caterpillar host plant

Zone 7A/7B Bloom Time: June-August







Left to right: Wavy-Lined Emerald (Synchlora aerata), Smeathmann's Aethes Moth (Aethes smeathmanniana), Olive Groundcat (Lacinipolia olivacea)



BEE BALM (Monarda spp.)

11 species of butterflies and moths use bee balm as a caterpillar host plant

Zone 7A/7B Bloom Time: June-September







Left to right: Raspberry Pyrausta (Pyrausta signatalis), Orange Mint Moth (Pyrausta orphisalis), Grey Marvel (Anterastria teratophora)



COREOPSIS (Coreopsis lanceolata)

5 species of butterflies and moths use coreopsis as a caterpillar host plant

Zone 7A/7B Bloom Time: June-September







Left to right: Sunflower Bud Moth (Suleima helianthana), Dimorphic Gray (Tornos scolopacinarius), Common Tan Wave (Pleuroprucha insulsaria)



BLAZING STAR (Liatris spicata)

4 species of butterflies and moths use blazing star as a caterpillar host plant

Zone 7A/7B Bloom Time: September







Left to right: Wavy-Lined Emerald (Synchlora aerata), no common name (Carmenta anthracipennis), Three-Lined Flower Moth (Schinia trifascia)



ANISE HYSSOP (Agastache foeniculum)

3 species of butterflies and moths use anise hyssop as a caterpillar host plant

Zone 7A/7B Bloom Time: July - September







Left to right: Splendid Brass Looper (Diachrysia balluca), Radcliffe's Dagger Moth (Acronicta radcliffei), Summer Azure (Celastrina neglecta)