

## LOVE YOUR BUTTERFLIES

Why don't you plant shrubs to encourage butterflies to your garden?



Popularly known as the butterfly bush, the Buddleia group contains some shrubs that every butterfly gardener should have in the garden. Buddleia will grow more or less anywhere, are not poisonous and are tough.

**Buddleia davidii 'Nanho Blue'** - purple flowers

**Buddleia davidii 'White Profusion'** - white flowers

**Buddleia davidii 'Black Knight'** - dark purple flowers

**Buddleia Lochinch** - pale purple flowers

**Buddleia weyerana 'Sungold'** - orange-yellow flowers

**Buddleia lindleyana** - purple flowers

**Buddleia davidii 'Pink Pearl'** - bright pink flowers



The Buddleias that flower in June should generally be left alone with perhaps a bit of tidying after they flower. The B. davidii plants, which flower later, should be pruned hard in March. Hard pruning means cutting off the growth above the 2nd set of leaves. They will grow 1 to 1.5m in a season.



You could sow 200 grams (4g/sq.m.) of Butterfly Meadow seed mix and in addition plant the following plug plants (20-30 of each), which will attract bees, butterflies and other insects: Agrimony, Lady's Bedstraw, Marjoram, Musk Mallow, Oxeye Daisy.

Part of the area is in at least partial shade. Species of wild flower that would be fine in partial shade are: Betony, Bladder Campion and Primrose.

Lavender can stand up to a good battering and smells good. (Sunny position)

Nasturtiums are good to fill in the spaces at the bottom of the shrubs. They are good for caterpillars and the seeds are so big young children can sow them in pots and plant them on.



If you are going to want wild flowers in amongst the grass you need to think about whether you want spring or summer flowers. Spring is often easier as the flowers are out before the grass goes mad.