

Butterfly weed: *Asclepias tuberosa*

Habitat information

- Butterfly weed is a native perennial with fiery-orange flowers. This plant thrives in sunny or partly-shaded areas with and prefers well-drained sandy soil. It is of special value to monarch butterflies, native bees, honey bees and bumble bees. Butterfly weed also attracts predatory insects that prey upon pest insects, which makes it a conservation biological control.

Pollinator information

- **Pollinators:** Butterflies, hummingbirds, birds
- **Larval host:** Grey hairstreak, monarch and queen butterflies



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Credit: Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center, Sally and Andy Wasowski



Queen butterfly



Butterfly weed

Credit: Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center, Ray Matthews



Monarch butterfly

Credit: Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center