

Butterfly Garden

(Asclepias tuberosa)

Planting Instructions

This butterfly garden milkweed mix features fiery shades of red, orange, and yellow and blooms all summer and into fall. The plants grow to 2-3 feet tall and provide vital habitat for monarch butterflies to lay their eggs. Resulting larvae eat the leaves, which are the only food source for monarch caterpillars. Adult butterflies are also attracted to the plants since they are a source of nectar.

SOIL PREPARATION: This mix can be planted almost anywhere, as it tolerates many soil conditions. Do not plant in wet, poorly drained soil.

PLANTING AND CARE:

1. Planting location: Full sun to partial shade.
2. Soil: Tolerates dry to medium, average, well-drained soil. Can be grown as a container plant if desired.
3. Spacing: When planting, space 12-24 inches apart and 1.5-2 inches deep.
4. Watering: Water immediately after planting. Do not overwater. Water when dry. After these plants have been established, they require little maintenance.
5. Hardiness: Can be planted in hardiness zones 3-10.

CAUTION: Keep out of reach of children. Some plant material is not edible. While most plants are harmless to individuals and animals, some may contain substances that are toxic, which can lead to nausea, dizziness, headaches, or other uneasiness or discomfort. The only plant materials that should be ingested or eaten are fruits or other known food plants. Contact your local poison control center immediately if ingested and advise them of the ingested plant.