



Gardening Tips

Plant shrubs to attract butterflies

Now is a good time to plant a Buddleia plant or Butterfly bush. These, as their nickname suggests, have flowers that encourage butterflies and bees with their sweet nectar scent from Spring to Autumn. There are many different varieties with colours ranging from white and pink to deep purple, but the butterflies seem most attracted to the common lilac varieties. They need to be planted in a fertile, well drained soil in a sunny position. They are fast growing and need to be pruned to keep under control.

Other shrubs that are attractive to butterflies are Aubretia, Catmint, Honesty, Ice plants, Michaelmas daisies, lavender bushes and lilac.

