



Butterfly Plants

The Butterfly Pavilion at the National Museum of Natural History opened in 2007. This enclosed 1,680-square-foot indoor garden showcases a diverse collection of tropical plants and butterflies. Smithsonian Gardens' Greenhouse staff grows approximately 30 species of nectar source plants and maintains an inventory of about 400 plants within the exhibit. These colorful and fragrant plants provide an exciting learning opportunity for visitors. One full-time staff person is devoted to the cultural care of the butterfly plants at the greenhouse facility. This staff member also works closely with a Smithsonian entomologist and the Butterfly Pavilion staff on weekly plant rotations and maintenance.



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