

# Pollinator Profile: Butterflies

Butterflies often visit round flowers with flared petals that lead to **narrow throats that conceal nectar**.

Butterflies land on the wide petals then **delicately probe the flower's nectary** (the gland that produces the nectar) with their **long proboscis** (tongue).

## Favorite Flowers

✓ **Flower Color:** Bright, especially pink, light blue, yellow, white, along with red and purple. Butterflies are one of the few insects able to see red.

✓ **Nectar Guides:** Present

✓ **Odor:** Faint, but fresh and sweet

✓ **Nectar:** Ample; deeply hidden

✓ **Pollen:** Limited

✓ **Flower Shape:** Narrow tube with spur; wide landing pad

Butterflies frequently visit salvias and sunflowers.



Do you know  
caterpillars are  
picky eaters?



Butterflies find nectar from many plants, but caterpillars eat the leaves of very specific trees, shrubs, perennials or annual plants.