



Plant Information

Common Name: Butterfly Weed
Scientific Name: *Asclepias tuberosa*
Plant Type: Perennial

Physical Characteristics

Height/Spread: 0.6-1.2 meters tall, 0.3-0.6 meters wide
Growth Rate: Moderate
Flower Color(s): Orange
Foliage Color(s): Green
Bloom Time: Summer

Plant Description

Asclepias tuberosa, commonly known as Butterfly Weed, is a stunning perennial plant with vibrant orange flowers that attract butterflies and other pollinators. It thrives in full sun and well-drained sandy soil, making it an excellent choice for butterfly gardens or borders. With its low maintenance needs and drought tolerance, it is a popular choice for gardening enthusiasts looking to enhance their landscape with color and biodiversity. Pairing Butterfly Weed with companion plants like Coneflowers and Black-Eyed Susans can create a beautiful and inviting garden space that will delight both humans and wildlife alike.

Optimal Growing Requirements



Sun: Full Sun



Soil: Well-drained, Sandy soil



Water: Low Watering



Hardiness Zone(s): Zone 3-8

Maintenance & Care

Maintenance Level: Low
Potential Pests & Diseases: Aphids, spider mites

Additional Information

Special Features: Attracts butterflies and other pollinators
Common Uses: Butterfly gardens, borders, pollinator gardens

Notes



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