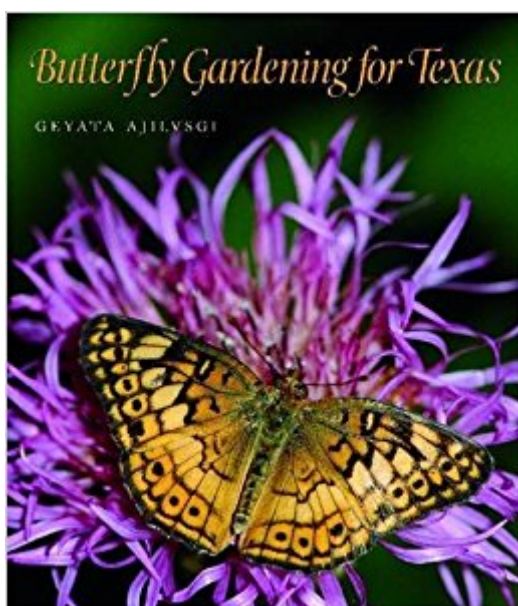


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# Butterfly Gardening For Texas (Louise Lindsey Merrick Natural Environment Series)



## Synopsis

Texas hosts an unparalleled number of butterfly species, and whether one lives near the beaches of the Gulf Coast or in the mountains of the Trans-Pecos, all Texans can enjoy the color and tranquility that butterflies bring to any outdoor space. In *Butterfly Gardening for Texas*, author and expert Geyata Ajilvsgi shares a wealth of practical information about all kinds of butterflies and the many flowers and other plants they utilize in their miraculous life cycle: from hidden egg to munching caterpillar to cryptic chrysalis to nectar-sipping, winged adult. Written in an engaging, nontechnical style for anyone who wants to attract butterflies to the yard or garden, the book provides tips for making gardens caterpillar- and butterfly-friendly, in-depth profiles of more than fifty butterflies, descriptions of the food plants for a variety of both caterpillars and butterflies, and plant lists for easy selection and substitution, depending on where you live and what is available. For those who want specific advice on what to plant where, Ajilvsgi has designed useful, adaptable landscape plans and extensive planting options for each of seven state regions. Helpful appendices aid gardeners in taking photographs of the butterflies they attract, in locating sources for seeds and plants, and in finding organizations and other instructive publications for additional information about these beautiful and beneficial insects. As the popularity of butterfly gardening continues to increase, gardeners of all skill levels will find *Butterfly Gardening for Texas* an invaluable source of guidance and inspiration.

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GEYATA AJILVSGI writes and photographs from her home in the Hill Country. Considered among the state's top plant and butterfly experts, she is the author of Wild Flowers of Texas and other books.

This book is well written and fairly non-technical, easy to understand, and brings together in one place pictures and text of many species each with its own gorgeous photograph of an adult, caterpillar, instar, chrysalides, nectar sources, and food plants. The book is a wonderful source of ideas for those who are contemplating gardens that will attract and keep these creatures in the difficult gardening environment that is Texas. It's a must have book for those who are interested in these beautiful creatures and want to understand what is necessary to keep them around the garden and increase their populations. Kudos to Ms. Ajilvsgi

A lovely book and complete compilation of gardening with butterflies that I will enjoy and learn from for years to come. I was fortunate to see an interview with the author on an Austin gardening program. Her knowledge is profound. She doesn't just write about it - she gardens and then writes about her experience and what experience she has!

Just what I needed for information on butterfly plants and how to grow them. Lots of growing tips and practical how to advice. Texas is a rough place to garden and you need all the help you can get. Specific growing instructions for plants for food and butterfly larva.

There are other butterfly books around but this is the first of which I'm aware that focuses on Texas. It does exactly what it sets out to do, which is exactly what I hoped. I'm setting out planters and perimeter blooms IAW directions here in hopes of beautifying my area and help in protecting otherwise threatened bugs.

This book was recommended to me by the staff at the Texas Discovery Garden. It's the most comprehensive book available for Texas butterfly gardening and an indispensable reference tool.

This book is a great companion to the Butterflies of Houston.

Very thorough. Good book for those wanting an in-depth look at butterflies and butterfly gaRDENing.

The book is a little more intensive than I had thought it would be. I thought it was going to be a smaller book that I could carry around like Geyata Ajilvsgi's flower identification book. However, Butterfly Gardening will help me plant the right plants for caterpillars and then the right plants for nectar. It will be a wonderful aide.

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