

# Tropical Butterfly House

## PLANT IDENTIFICATION GUIDE

The Tropical Butterfly House features plants from tropical areas around the world. There are over 100 species growing here. Use this guide to identify some of our favorite residents.

Please look with your eyes and do not touch. Every flower picked reduces the butterflies' food supply.

### NECTAR PROVIDERS

These flowering plants are a major food source for the butterflies. The flowers provide a sugar rich liquid called nectar. The butterflies visit these plants to feed on the nectar.



*Senecio confusus*  
**Mexican Flame Vine**  
Mexico to Honduras



*Lantana camara*  
**Shrub verbena**  
West Indies



*Pentas lanceolata*  
**Egyptian Star Cluster**  
Yemen to Tropical East Africa



*Stachytarpheta jamaicensis*  
**Jamaican Porterweed**  
Widely dispersed in the Tropics



*Ixora coccinea*  
**Jungle Flame**  
India, Sri Lanka



*Clereodendron ugandense*  
**Butterfly Plant**  
Tropical Africa



*Psiguria umbrosa*  
**Psiguria Vine**  
Central America



*Euphorbia millii*  
**Crown of Thorns**  
Madagascar



*Heliotropium arborescens*  
**Heliotrope**  
Peru

### FABULOUS FOLIAGE

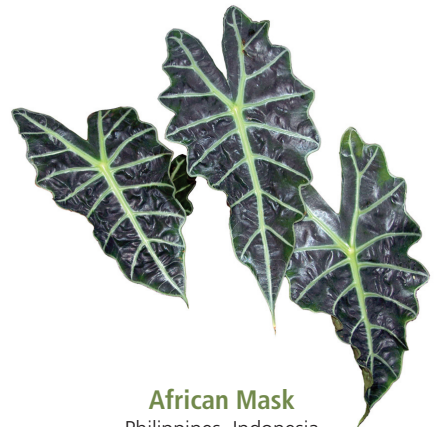
Plants grown for their foliage. Foliage (leaves) come in all shapes and sizes! Here are some of our favorites.



**Wonderleaf Philodendron**  
Brazil, Ecuador, Peru



*Cyperus papyrus*  
**Egyptian Paper Rush, Papyrus**  
Egypt to Tropical Africa



**African Mask**  
Philippines, Indonesia

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## SHOWY FLOWERS

These are some of our most frequently asked about flowers. These plants are not a major food source for butterflies.



*Brugmansia X candida*  
**'Grand Marnier'**  
**Angels Trumpet**  
Hybrid – Garden Origin



*Hibiscus rosa-sinensis*  
**Chinese Hibiscus**  
Origin unknown (probably Tropical Asia)



*Pachystachys lutea*  
**Lollipop Plant**  
Peru



*Allamanda cathartica*  
**Golden Trumpet**  
Central and South America



**Gardenia, Cape Jasmine**  
China, Taiwan, Japan



*Jasminum sambac*  
**Arabian Jasmine**  
Origin unknown (probably Tropical Asia)



**Bougainvillea, Paper Flower**  
Brazil



**Frangipani, Plumeria**  
Mexico to Panama



*Anthurium scherzerianum*  
**Flamingo Flower**  
Costa Rica, Guatemala

## ETHNOBOTANICALS

*Ethnobotany*: The study of how people use plants. These are plants many of us use in our everyday lives.



*Coffea arabica*  
**Coffee**  
East Africa

Seeds are removed from berries then roasted, ground, and brewed to make an aromatic drink.



**Cocoa Tree**  
Central America

Seeds are fermented, roasted, and ground into a powder (cocoa) that is an ingredient in chocolate.



*Vanilla planifolia*  
**Vanilla**

Florida, West Indies, Central and South America

Vanilla is extracted from pod-like seed capsules harvested from this vining orchid.

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