

## NECTAR PLANTS for Butterflies Adelaide, South Australia

Generally butterflies favour plants that have small multiple or composite flowers, which range in colour from pink to purple and blue. Other colours are also used to source nectar, but are not usually their preference, but there are exceptions. The shape of the flower is important, flat flowers are easier for butterflies to extract nectar. Double flowers with multiple petals are too complex. It has been observed that where native Australian plants are available, butterflies prefer these to introduced exotic plants.

This list is not complete, if you have observed butterflies feeding on other native plants please advise us.

Genus_species	Common_Name	Origin
<i>Acacia pycnantha</i>	Golden Wattle	~Adelaide
<i>Acacia</i> spp.	wattles	~AU
<i>Amyema melaleucae</i>	Tea-tree Mistletoe	~Adelaide
<i>Amyema miquelii</i>	Box Mistletoe	~Adelaide
<i>Amyema pendula</i> ssp. <i>pendula</i>	Drooping Mistletoe	~AU SA
<i>Amyema preissii</i>	Wire-leaf Mistletoe	~Adelaide
<i>Amyema</i> spp.		~AU SA
<i>Asteridea athrixioides</i> f. <i>athrixioides</i>	Wirewort	~AU SA
<i>Brachychiton acerifolius</i> var.	Illawarra flame tree	~AU QLD
<i>Brachychiton discolor</i>	Lacebark Kurrajong	~AU Northern
<i>Brachychiton populneus</i> ssp. <i>populneus</i>	Kurrajong	~AU NSW
<i>Bracteantha</i> spp.	Dargon Hill Monarch	~AU SA
<i>Bursaria spinosa</i>	Christmas bush, sweet bursaria	~Adelaide
<i>Callistemon</i> spp.	bottlebrush	~AU SA
<i>Cassytha glabella</i> f. <i>dispar</i>	Slender Dodder-laurel	~Adelaide
<i>Chrysocephalum</i> spp	Everlastings	~AU SA
<i>Chrysocephalum apiculatum</i>	Common Everlasting	~Adelaide
<i>Chrysocephalum semipapposum</i>	Clustered Everlasting	~Adelaide
<i>Crotalaria</i> spp.		~AU SA
<i>Cullen australasicum</i>	Tall Scurf-pea	~Adelaide
<i>Cullen patens</i>	Spreading Scurf-pea	~AU SA
<i>Cullen</i> spp.	native verbines	~AU SA
<i>Dillwynia sericea</i>	Showy Parrot-pea	~Adelaide
<i>Eremophila longifolia</i>	Weeping Emubush	~Adelaide
<i>Eremophila</i> spp.	Emubush	~AU SA
<i>Eucalyptus</i> spp.	gums	~AU SA
<i>Eutaxia microphylla</i>	Mallee bush pea	~AU SA
<i>Glycyrrhiza acanthocarpa</i>	Native Liquorice	~AU SA
<i>Goodenia</i> spp.		~AU SA
<i>Hakea</i> spp		~AU
<i>Hardenbergia violacea</i>	Native Lilac	~Adelaide
<i>Helichrysum scorpioides</i>	Button Everlasting	~Adelaide
<i>Helichrysum bracteatum</i>		~AU
<i>Helichrysum</i> spp.	Everlastings	~AU
<i>Hibbertia</i> spp.		~AU
<i>Indigofera</i> spp.		~AU
<i>Kennedia prostrata</i>	Running postman	~Adelaide
<i>Leptospermum</i> spp.	tea tree	~AU
<i>Lotus australis</i>	Austral Trefoil	~Adelaide
<i>Melaleuca lanceolata</i>		~AU SA

<i>Melaleuca halmaturorum</i>	Swamp paper-bark	~AU SA
<i>Myoporum parvifolium</i>	Creeping boobialla	~Adelaide
<i>Myoporum platycarpum</i>	sandlewood	~AU SA
<i>Oxalis perennans</i>	Native Sorrel	~Adelaide
<i>Pimelea</i> spp.	rice flowers	~AU
<i>Portulaca oleracea</i>	Common Purslane	~Adelaide
<i>Prostanthera ovalifolia</i>	mint bushes	~AU SA
<i>Prostanthera</i> spp.	Mint bush	~AU
<i>Pultenaea acerosa</i>	Bristly Bush-pea	~Adelaide
<i>Pultenaea largiflorens</i>	Twiggy Bush-pea	~Adelaide
<i>Pultenaea tenuifolia</i>	Narrow-leaf Bush-pea	~AU SA
<i>Rhodanthe</i> ssp.	daisy	~AU
<i>Santalum acuminatum</i>	Sweet quandong	~AU SA
<i>Scaevola albida</i>	Pale fan-flower	~Adelaide
<i>Scaevola</i> spp.		~AU SA
<i>Swainsona</i> spp.		~AU SA
<i>Templetonia retusa</i>	Cockies tongue	~AU SA
<i>Thryptomene</i> spp.		~AU
<i>Vittadenia</i> spp.	daisy	~AU
<i>Westringia rigida</i>	Stiff Westringia	~Adelaide
<i>Xerochrysum bracteatum</i>	Strawflower	~AU SA
<i>Xanthorrhoea</i> spp	Yacca	~AU

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