



Washington Area Butterfly Club

BUTTERFLY GARDENING RESOURCES

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Associations:

[Butterfly Society of Virginia](#), Membership Chairman, 510 McCosh, Chesapeake, VA 23320

[Lepidopterists' Society](#), 1608 Presidio Way, Roseville, CA 95661

[North American Butterfly Association](#) (NABA), 4 Delaware Road, Morristown, NJ 07960.

[Washington Area Butterfly Club](#), c/o Pat Durkin, 23 Logan Circle, NW, Washington, DC 20005.

[Xerces Society](#), 4828 Southeast Hawthorne Blvd., Portland, OR 97215

Where to Buy Butterfly Plants in the DC Metro Area:

Upcoming Plant Sales 2008

This is a list of upcoming plant sales likely to have nectar and host plants for attracting butterflies.

Saturday, September 8

Ridgely, MD

9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

[Adkins Arboretum](#) holds their fall native plant sale. You can view a PDF file of plants for sale from their Web site. Adkins Arboretum is located at 12610 Eveland Road in Ridgely, MD.

Saturday, September 13

Wheaton, MD

10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

The Friends of [Brookside Gardens](#)' plant sale has a large selection of quality perennials, shrubs, and trees plus interesting and unusual plants. Brookside Gardens is located at 1800 Glenallan Avenue in Wheaton, MD.

Saturday, September 13

Edgewater, MD

8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

[Historic London Town and Gardens](#) Fall Plant Sale. Fall is for planting especially trees and shrubs so join us for our popular fall plant sale and take home an unusual camellia or magnolia, a barefoot peony, a London Town-grown perennial. AACo Master Gardeners, who help propagate many of the varieties offered, will be on hand to answer questions and assist with plant selection. This is a great opportunity to add something special to your garden. London Town is at 839 Londontown Road, Edgewater, Maryland.

Saturday, September 13

Arlington, VA

1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Take advantage of this wonderful opportunity to help wildlife by growing native, and support Long Branch Nature Center at the same time! The vast majority of our plants are native, propagated right in our own gardens and our prices can't be beat! Many new types are available this year. We will feature sun-loving and butterfly-attracting plants and also have a nice selection of spring bloomers, shade lovers, ferns, and even a few shrubs. Rain date is Sunday, September 14, same time. Fee per plant as marked. Payment can be made by cash or check (sorry, no credit cards). For information call 703-228-6535. Long Branch Nature Center is 625 S. Carlin Springs Rd, Arlington, VA.

Friday, September 26 - Sunday, September 28

Winterthur, DE

10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

\$15/day

The large Winterthur GardenFair features plant sales and vendors, lectures, and how-to demos. Visit www.gardenfair.org for complete details. Winterthur is on Rt. 52, Kennett Pike, Winterthur, DE 19735.

Saturday, September 27

Alexandria, VA

8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Green Spring Gardens holds a fall plant sale in conjunction with a [Fall Festival](#). Green Spring Gardens Park is located at 4603 Green Spring Road in Alexandria, VA.

Saturday, September 27

Alexandria, VA

9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

[Parkfairfax](#) holds a fall native plant sale. The sale is at 3601 Valley Drive in Alexandria, Virginia.

Saturday and Sunday, October 11 and 12

Boyce, VA

10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

ArborFest, the Virginia State Arboretum's annual fall festival, includes a plant sale and numerous related vendors. [Blandy Experimental Farm](#) is at 400 Blandy Farm Lane in Boyce, VA.

Annual Plant Sales

This is a list of plant sales likely to have nectar and host plants for attracting butterflies that are known to occur every year. Details and dates are posted as

they become available.

The [Delaware Native Plant Society sale](#) is held in November at the St. Jones National Estuarine Research Reserve, located at 818 Kitts Hummock Road, Dover, Delaware.

The earliest native plant sale is in March, held at the [National Arboretum](#) in conjunction with the annual Lahr Symposium. The National Arboretum is at 3501 New York Avenue, NE, Washington, D.C.

The Long Branch Wildflower Sale offers a selection of native plants in April. Long Branch Nature Center is at 625 S. Carlin Springs Rd. in Arlington, VA.

The [American Horticultural Society](#) plant sale offers a variety of new and uncommon trees, shrubs, herbs, perennials, annuals, and other plants in mid-April. River Farm is at 7931 East Boulevard Drive in Alexandria, VA.

The annual [Leesburg Flower & Garden Festival](#) is located throughout historic downtown Leesburg, VA in mid-April.

[Green Spring Gardens Park](#) holds weekly Garden Markets from April through mid-May. Green Spring Gardens Park is at 4603 Green Spring Road, Alexandria, VA. 703-642-5173.

Thousands of plants are available at the Friends of the National Arboretum Garden Fair and Plant Sale in late April. Proceeds benefit National Arboretum programs. Held in the New York Avenue parking lot of the [National Arboretum](#), 3501 New York Avenue, NE Washington, D.C. 202-245-2726.

The [Audubon Society of Central Maryland \(ASCM\)](#) holds a native plant sale at the Audrey Carroll Audubon Sanctuary in Frederick County, MD in late April. 301-831-5060.

The [Parkfairfax Native Plant Sale](#) is held at 3601 Valley Drive, Alexandria, Virginia, in late April.

The annual Washington National Cathedral [Flower Mart](#) is held at the Cathedral in northwest Washington, D.C. in early May.

The [Battle Creek Cypress Swamp](#) Herb and Native Plant Sale is held at Battle Creek Cypress Swamp, 2880 Grays Rd., Prince Frederick, MD, in early May.

The [Assateague Coastal Trust](#) holds a native plant sale at the Ocean Pines Library, 11107

Cathell Road, Ocean Pines, MD 21811 in early May. Visit their [plant sale Web page](#).

The [Delaware Nature Society's](#) Native Plant Sale is held in early May at the Delaware Nature Society's Coverdale Farm, 543 Way Road, Greenville, DE 19807. 302-239-2334.

The [Audubon Naturalist Society's](#) Audubon Nature Fair in early May includes native plants for sale. Woodend Sanctuary is located at 8940 Jones Mill Road, Chevy Chase, MD.

The Prince William Wildflower Society's annual native plant sale is held in early May on the grounds of Bethel Lutheran Church, on Plantation Lane just off Sudley Road in Manassas, VA. 703-361-5125.

The [Cylburn Arboretum](#) holds a plant sale during its spring Market Day in early May. Cylburn Arboretum is located at 4915 Greenspring Avenue, Baltimore, MD 21209.

The Adkins Arboretum's Spring Native Plant Sale is in early May. Adkins Arboretum is at 12610 Eveland Road, Ridgely, MD.

The Silver Spring Garden Club sponsors an annual Silver Spring Garden Mart at [Brookside Gardens](#), 1800 Glenallan Avenue Wheaton, MD, in early May.

Garden Fair is a huge plant and garden supply sale held every Mother's Day weekend. The Virginia State Arboretum Blandy Experimental Farm is located at 400 Blandy Farm Lane in Boyce, VA.

Green Spring Gardens Park's most popular sale is their Spring Garden Day, held in mid-May. Green Spring is located at 4603 Green Spring Road in Alexandria, VA. 703-642-5173.

The Tawes Garden holds a May spring plant sale. The Tawes State Office Building is located at 580 Taylor Avenue in Annapolis, MD.

Irvine Nature Center holds their fall native plant sale in conjunction with a native plant seminar. Seminar attendants may shop early, starting at 7:30 a.m. Irvine Nature Center is located at 11201 Garrison Forest Rd, Owings Mills, MD.

Local Nurseries:

[Chesapeake Natives Inc.](#), 326 Boyd Avenue #2, Takoma Park, MD 20912. Please see Web site for information on obtaining plants. Nonprofit organization supports use of local ecotype wildflowers and grasses; all genetic material is indigenous to the Chesapeake

Watershed. Can contract grow most species native to the Chesapeake Watershed.

The Garden Gate Plant Shop, [Green Spring Gardens Park](#), 4603 Green Spring Road, Alexandria, VA. Monday-Saturday 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. and Sunday noon - 4:00 p.m. Features plants grown at Green Spring that are especially well-suited to Fairfax County climate and growing conditions. Located behind the Horticulture Center. 703-642-5173.

Native Seeds Inc., 14590 Triadelphia Mill Road, Dayton, MD 21036. Seeds only. Free catalog. 301-596-9818.

[Nature by Design](#), 300 Calvert Avenue, Alexandria, VA 22301. Offers an outstanding range of native trees, shrubs, perennials, and annuals, including many unavailable elsewhere in the Washington area. They also offer a carefully chosen selection of well-behaved non-natives, including tropicals hardy enough for Washington winters. 703-683-GROW (4769).

Wings and Wildflowers Nursery, Denise Gibbs, Damascus, MD. Specializing in nectar and host plants for local butterflies, with emphasis on milkweeds for monarchs. Also, plugs of native meadow plants available. By appointment only from April 15 to Sept 15. 301-253-6903; monarch301@verizon.net

Also see native plant sources at:

[The Maryland Native Plant Society](#)

[The Virginia Native Plant Society](#)

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