

Native Perennial

Butterfly Weed

Name: Butterfly Weed, *Asclepias Tuberosa*

Other Names: Orange Milkweed, Pleurisy Root

Zone: 3-9

Sun: Full Sun

Size: 24-40"

Spread: 24-36"

Leaves: Dark Green

Flowers: Orange

Bloom Time: June-Sept.

Soil: Dry location with sandy or loamy well-drained soil.
Drought tolerant after established.

Planting:

Dig a hole twice as big as the plant. Add a cup of compost with the soil and some sand if needed. Fill the hole and gently pack the soil mixture around the plant.

Care: Let the plant dry in between watering. If aphids appear, (little white insects), spray leaves with a light burst of water to remove them. Bunnies may like the new plant buds, so keep them at bay with garlic, black pepper, hair or used kitty litter.

More Info: Fragrant blossoms attract Monarch butterflies, bees and humming birds. They make great cut flowers.

Plant with other dry loving perennials like Black-Eyed Susan (*Rudbeckia*), Blanket Flower (*Gaillardia*), Catmint (*Nepeta*), Cone Flowers (*Echinacea*), Coreopsis, Salvia, Yarrow (*Achillea*) or Fountain Grass.

Pick off seed pods early in the season to promote more blooms. The long tap root of this plant makes it hard to transplant, so plant the seeds for more plants.

Native Americans and pioneer doctors used the root as a cure for pleurisy and other pulmonary ailments.



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Right Plant in the Right Location Does it Matter?

When you match the right plant to the right location your plants grow strong roots and are healthier.

Healthy plants require less watering and pesticides and make them more resilient to disease and harsh winters.

Water your new plant until it's established – but let Butterfly Weed dry in between watering.

