



Name: Butterfly Weed *Asclepias tuberosa*

Phonetic Spelling: as-KLEE-pee-us too-bur-O-suh

Description: A stunningly showy wildflower with a long bloom period. Excellent cut flower. Requires no maintenance, but insists upon well-drained, dry, coarse soils or will succumb to diseases. A tendency to completely disappear in winter can leave the gardener unclear about its location.

Height: Up to 3 feet

Bloom Color: Orange

Bloom Season: June to September

Sun: Part sun to full sun.

Soil: Well-drained, poor, dry, usually rocky or sandy soil.

Pollinators: One of the best nectar plants for a wide variety of pollinators. Host plant for the Monarch butterfly.

Pests:

Cultivation & Management:

Sources: <https://extension.umd.edu/resource/butterfly-weed>