

# Butterfly Weed



This native perennial attracts hoards of butterflies. It is a larval host for the Monarch, Grey Hairstreak and Queens butterflies. It is an important nectar source for many insects. Butterfly weed also has a multitude of useful qualities including medicinal/edible, fiber for twine, pillows/jacket stuffing, candle wicks, as well as oils and latex that can be derived from the plant.

**NATIVE TO  
PENNSYLVANIA**

## *Asclepias tuberosa*

- Hardiness: Zone 4-9
- Size: 18-36" tall and 24" wide
- Flower: Orange from late spring to mid summer
- Culture: Full sun and dry, infertile soils
- Uses: Border, meadow, cut flower, showy, wildlife, butterflies, hummingbirds, bees, drought tolerant, medicinal, oils, twine, pillow stuffing, water repellent, candle wicks, edible