

Nectar Plants that bunnies typically do not like to eat!

This is a small selection of nectar plants suitable for the Sonoran Desert climate. Combine a source of water and nectar plants for adult Monarchs with Desert Milkweed (*Asclepias Subulata*) --the only plant where Monarchs lay their eggs and the food source for the larvae/caterpillar-- and create a food supply and habitat for the entire life cycle. Plant diversity and variety are important. Bonus--many of these plants attract hummingbirds and other small birds.

These are hardy desert plants! Compare the sun/shade needs of plants with your garden before you acquire plants. Many of these plants can also be divided and shared after they have been in the ground awhile. Find friends and neighbors who want to share plants!

Abutilon palmerii... Indian mallow

Acacia greggii...Cat claw acacia

Aloe... variety of leaf shapes and colors

Baileya multiradiata...Desert marigold

Buddleja davidii...Butterfly bush

Caesalpinia pulcherrima...Red bird of paradise

Calliandra eriophylla...Pink fairy duster

Dalea pulchra...Indigo bush

Dalea Greggii...Prairie Clover

Echinacea purpurea... Purple coneflower

Encelia farinosa...Brittle bush

Fouquieria splendens...Ocotillo

Gaillardia grandiflora...blanket flower

Hyptis emoryi...Desert lavender

Justicia californica...Chuparosa

Leucophyllum species...Texas sage

Melampodium leucanthum...Blackfoot daisy

Oenothera caespitosa...White evening primrose

Penstemon eatoni, superbus and *parryi*

Rhus microphylla...Littleleaf sumac

Rosmarinus officinalis...Rosemary

Ruellia... variety of sizes and several colors

Salvia clevelandii...Chaparral sage

Salvia dorii...Desert sage

Salvia greggii...Autumn sage

Salvia leucantha...Mexican bush sage

Tecoma...Tecoma variety of colors and sizes

Verbena gooddingii...Native verbena

Zauschneria...California Fuchsia

Zinnia acerosa...Desert zinnia



Plant sources are Coachella Valley Water District's Lush and Efficient, 2005 City of Palm Desert landscape Maintenance Guide (hardy low maintenance plants!), Riverside County Extension and Maricopa County Cooperative Extension Home Horticulture.



Milkweed for Monarchs

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