

## Butterfly Weed, *Asclepias* (*Asclepias tuberosa*)

*Asclepias tuberosa*, commonly called butterfly weed, is a herbaceous perennial that is prized for its bright orange flowers that bloom from late spring throughout the summer. The flowers are a nectar source for many butterflies and leaves are a food source for Monarch butterfly larvae (caterpillars). Butterfly weed grows in a clump up to 1-3 feet tall and is drought tolerant and deer resistant.



**Plant Care:** Grow butterfly weed in a sunny location in average, dry to medium, well-drained soil. Remove spent flowers to encourage reblooming and prevent self-sowing (mature plants may freely self-seed in the landscape). This plant does not transplant well due to its deep taproot.

### References:

<http://www.missouribotanicalgarden.com>

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