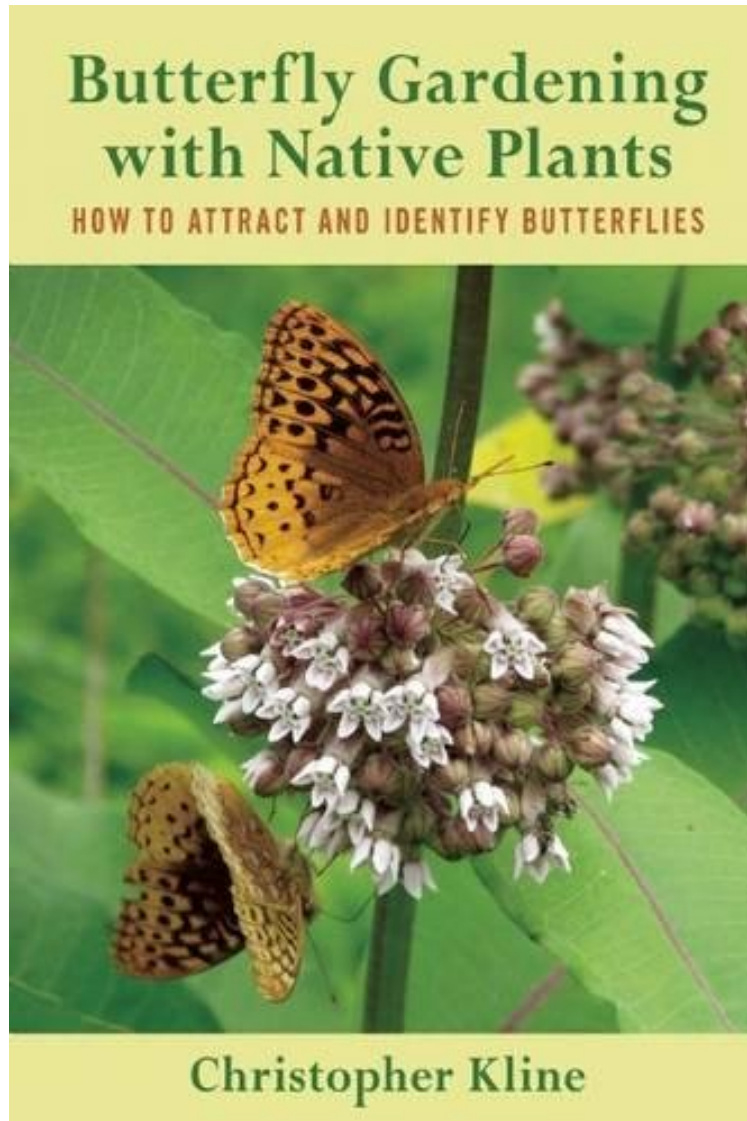


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described in the book are native to this area of the country. You already have to know the basics of gardening before you can use the information in this book. The book covers why people should have a butterfly garden with native plants, several garden designs (general butterfly garden, caterpillar garden, and monarch garden), a guide to butterflies you might encounter in the Midwest, a guide to native plants for a butterfly garden, and a guide to which plants are good hosts for particular butterfly species. Each butterfly and plant entry has a bar at the top with the approximate time frame when you might see that butterfly and when that plant is in bloom. The author also lists his "top ten" plants for a butterfly garden. Each entry has at least one color photo of the butterfly or plant species described. Oddly, there is a title page for a seventh chapter of the book on sources for native plants but the index comes right after this and there is no information on this topic in the book. I recommend this book if you live in the Midwest and already have basic gardening knowledge and experience or you will use this book as a companion to a basic gardening book as you begin a gardening hobby. 2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Good for the beginner gardener By Ravenhair This book is aimed at the beginner gardener and is easy to read. It has pictures of common butterflies that may visit your yard, so it can also be used as a reference for butterfly identification. He recommends different native plants that will attract pollinators to your garden. He also includes garden planting suggestions. This is a good book for the beginner who is unsure on how to do plant arrangements and which native plants to add to the garden. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Add this to your butterfly book collection By TerriBeth Beautiful book with lots of good information and suggestions.

Butterfly expert Christopher Kline provides an easy-to-read introduction to the topic in *Butterfly Gardening with Native Plants*, a how-to guide covering butterfly gardening basics, garden designs, common butterflies in the garden, native nectar, guide to host plants, and sources for native plants. Included are over 150 color photographs as well as several detailed illustrations on garden layout. With this guide, it is easy to choose plants to attract specific species of butterflies, and Kline provides a photo guide for identifying butterflies as well. On every page there is a basic timeline to indicate the best season for both plants and butterfly sightings. *Butterfly Gardening with Native Plants* is more than just a collection of pretty pictures. This book takes readers into the world of gardening from a butterfly's perspective. As available habitats continually decrease for butterflies, the use of native plants in the home landscape becomes more critical. This book will walk you through the process of using native plants to attract butterflies to your home landscape. *Butterfly Gardening with Native Plants* is a must-have for those who love butterflies and want to attract them to their property.

About the Author Christopher Kline has studied butterflies throughout the United States since 1997. He is the founder of the Southwest Monarch Study and is a co-founder of the Central Arizona Butterfly Association. He has tagged literally thousands of monarchs in his career, and his current life list includes over 300 species of butterflies. Kline is currently the Butterfly Specialist at the Franklin Park Conservatory and Botanical Gardens in Columbus, Ohio, where he teaches about the science and enjoyment of butterfly gardening. He resides in Sugar Grove, Ohio.