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South Florida alone has 119 species of butterflies, many of which have dazzling colors and patterns and iridescent sheens that enthrall the eye. They captivate us as they grace the garden with their flitting dance, seeking the next sip of nectar from their flowering plant of choice. Their presence adds winsomeness to any landscape, enchanting whoever encounters them. It can be said that they are the world's most cherished insects.

The butterflies captured in this collection of photos are grouped in colors: black and blue hues; black, white and green hues; and orange and red hues. These close-up photos include Florida favorites such as the atala, zebra longwing, tiger swallowtail and giant swallowtail. The swallowtails are identified by the long projections from their hind wings and distinctive stripes. The delicate zebra longwing has long black wings with thin lemon-yellow stripes. The atala is unique to South Florida where its only host plant, the coontie, a little cycad, is grown. The atala is recognized by its black iridescent wings with blue spots, and a striking orange-red abdomen. Others butterflies pictured include those with such intriguing names like the white peacock, red-spotted purple, flambeau, buckeye, and sleepy orange.

To provide an inviting and thriving habitat for butterflies in South Florida, butterfly gardeners plant both host plants for caterpillars and nectar sources for the adult butterflies. South Florida's subtropical climate is ideal for growing many types of host plants. Caterpillar host plants include Scarlet Milkweed, Sweet Fennel, and Passionflower. It is important that these plants and surrounding landscape be pesticide-free to allow caterpillars to complete their larval and pupal cycle before they emerge as butterflies. Flowering plants that entice the adult butterflies include Pentas, Lantana, Heliotrope, and Aster. Even the fallen fruit from trees like the mango and carambola will attract and provide sources of nectar for butterflies. May these beautiful photographs inspire you to create your own butterfly habitat so that you can enjoy their delightful presence at your home year round.





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Black & Blues



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Green & Yellows



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Red & Oranges



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