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BUTTERFLY & HUMMINGBIRD GARDENING

A carefully planned butterfly and hummingbird garden will reward one with the frequent visits of these magnificent creatures. Attracting butterflies and hummingbirds is easily achieved by incorporating specific plants into the landscape. A committed gardener will observe the hummingbird return annually to the same location to build their tiny nests near large sources of nectar. Butterflies choose to lay their eggs on host plants where the food source will be plentiful for the development of their young.



Ruby Throat Hummingbird

In addition to plants with attractive qualities, a small water feature should also be part of the butterfly and hummingbird garden. Water is important as the hummingbird will consume eight-times its body weight in water each day, and if given the right situation the little bird will display aerial antics that will amaze the home owner. A mister or gently running lawn sprinkler will encourage diving, sudden twisting and later preening on lower branches. Butterflies prefer a shallow puddle, wet stones, pavement or very shallow dishes of water. Terra cotta saucers offer a safe perch for the insect while allowing them to drink. Protection for hummingbirds is provided by well established trees or taller shrubs, while butterflies will seek shelter in a wood pile. Providing a sanctuary for wildlife often results in creating a spectacular retreat for the gardener, as the plants that attract butterflies and hummingbirds display gorgeous blooms. The introduction of the plants listed below will be an invitation to butterflies and hummingbirds to reside in the garden.



HUMMINGBIRD

Annuals: Impatiens, Mexican Sunflower, Zinnia, Flowering Nicotiana, Geraniums, Petunia, Phlox

Perennials: Hollyhock, Hibiscus, Coral Bells, Cardinal Flower, Columbine, Bee Balm, Salvia, Delphinium, Monkey Flower, Red Hot Poker

Vines: Red or scarlet Honeysuckle, Hyacinth Bean, Mandevilla, Nasturium, Red Morning Glory

Trees & Shrubs: Butterfly Bush, Flowering Maple, Carolina Rhododendron, Flowering Quince, Red Buckeye, Rose of Sharon

BUTTERFLY

Annuals: Impatiens, Mexican Sunflower, Zinnia, Ageratum, Cosmos, Marigolds, Alyssum, Verbena

Perennials: Purple Coneflower, Yarrow, Chives, Rock Cress, Butterfly Weed, Astilbe, Michaelmas Daisy, Phlox, Pincushion Flower, Verbena, Pinks

Vines: Red or scarlet Honeysuckle, Wisteria, Balloon Vine, Dutchman's Pipe, Bougainvillea

Trees & Shrubs: Butterfly Bush, Chaste Tree, Crabapple, Pear, Privet, Weigela, Spicebush, Tulip Tree, Lilac

Tiger Eyes Sumac



Endless Summer Hydrangea

New for 2004

At Connon Nurseries we have always been proud to offer you a vast selection of plant material. Every year, new and improved varieties are put into production to provide you with the best possible selections for your landscape. Consider finding a place in your garden for some of these new introductions.

- **Pragense Decker Viburnum** (Viburnum Pragense Decker)
A moderately sized spring flowering shrub which has been selected for its lustrous dark green foliage. It will grow 3 metres high and 3 metres wide, keeping a nicely rounded form. Beautiful pink buds open to white blooms. Zone 5.
- **Tiger Eyes Cutleaf Staghorn Sumac** (Rhus typhina Baitiger)

A beautiful golden form of sumac which is attractive as an accent or in mass plantings. Its new growth is chartreuse green, quickly turning to yellow, and to orange-red in the fall. It grows 2 metres high and 2 metres wide. Zone 4.

- **Slender Nikko Deutzia** (Deutzia crenata Nikko)
An extremely low, compact growing shrub that makes an excellent groundcover or border plant. It grows 30 centimetres high and 80 centimetres wide, and has arching branches with double white flowers in May. Zone 5.

- **Gold Tide Forsythia** (Forsythia courtasol Gold Tide)
A dwarf spreading shrub with soft bright green leaves and lemon yellow flowers in spring. It grows 50 centimetres high and 1 metre wide, making it ideal for mass plantings or groundcover.

- **Endless Summer Hydrangea** (Hydrangea mac. Endless Summer)

A new hydrangea with a rounded form growing 1.25 metres high and 1.25 metres wide. It will bloom consistently on both new and old wood, and its foliage turns bronze in the fall. Zone 4.

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Herb Thyme

Herbs awaken your senses with their varying textures, colours, fragrances, and just smelling them in the garden makes your mouth water! Whether your garden is acres of land, or just a tiny balcony, there is always room to grow herbs in containers. In order to create flourishing herb pots you will need:

- **Full Sun** - at least 6 hours.
- **A large pot** - 25 to 30cm deep with drainage.
- **Potting Soil** - use potting soil or mix rather than garden soil which is too heavy.
- **Water** - regular watering is necessary, especially if you use terra cotta pots as they tend to dry out quickly.
- **Fertilizer** - add water soluble fertilizer weekly or use slow-release granular fertilizer on top of the soil after you plant.



Harvesting

When your herbs are lush and full, harvest them by snipping off pieces with pruners, scissors, or a knife. Avoid pulling or tearing stems off as injury to the plant may occur.

HERB FLAVOURED VINEGAR RECIPE

- 1.25 Litres of Vinegar
- 2 Cups of Leaves
- Blend herb leaves in blender at lowest setting for a few seconds only.
- Put leaves in glass jar and pour room temperature vinegar over leaves.
- Strain out leaves through fine cheese cloth.
- Taste - if more flavour is desired, repeat steps 1 through 4 with a fresh lot of herb leaves.
- Run through filter paper and store in sterile bottle and cork well.

<u>Herb</u>	<u>Vinegar (to use)</u>
Basil	White
Mint	Cider
Rosemary	White
Sage	Red

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the Web!

This comprehensive site is very user friendly and informative, including links to many other sites pertaining to organic lawn care, diseases, insect problems, Ministry of Agriculture, Horticultural Associations, and much more.

- Three locations and easy to follow maps
- 2004 Catalogue
- Weekly Specials
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