

Butterflies On The Wing September, 2019

September 27, 2019

It seems like the heat of summer will never end! The butterflies are suffering, too, and many continue to hide. Each day is different though, and as fall flowers begin to bloom, you'll find the butterflies in a feeding frenzy. Gregg's Mistflower, Frostweed, and Fall Asters are among the best for attracting Sulphurs, Queens, and Monarchs.

Seen this week in the Butterfly Garden:

Clouded Skipper	Hackberry Emperor
Cloudless Sulphur	Little Yellow
Dainty Sulphur	Monarch
Dun Skipper	Phaon Crescent
Eastern Tiger Swallowtail	Queen
Fiery Skipper	Sleepy Orange
Gray Hairstreak	Variegated Fritillary
Gulf Fritillary	

Plants in Bloom this week:

Tuberous Vervain (Sandpaper Verbena)	Datura (Angel Trumpet)
Mealy Blue Sage	Boneset
Drummond's Petunia	Lindheimer Senna
Texas Lantana	Prairie Verbena
Blackfoot Daisy	Prairie Fleabane
Horseherb	Pale Smartweed
Zexmenia	Butterfly Weed (<i>Asclepias tuberosa</i>)
Gaura	Chili Piquin
Black-eyed Susan	Texas Kidneywood
Passion Vine	Big Bluestem
Frogfruit	Frostweed
Day Flower (Widow's Tears)	Maximillian Sunflower
Rock Rose	Bitterweed
Sunflower	Goldenrod
Gregg's Mistflower	Lord Baltimore Hibiscus
Turk's Cap	Ironweed
Flame Acanthus	Gayfeather
Autumn Sage	Lindheimer Mulley
Obedient Plant	

September 20, 2019

Blooms and butterflies are building in numbers and varieties. Fall is an excellent time to come see all the garden can hold. Look for caterpillars while you are there – the Gulf Fritillaries have been busy!

Seen this week in the Butterfly Garden:

American Snout	Gulf Fritillary
Bell's Roadside-skipper	Monarch
Black Swallowtail	Painted Lady
Clouded Skipper	Queen
Cloudless Sulphur	Sleepy Orange
Funereal Duskywing	Tawny Emperor
Gray Hairstreak	Variegated Fritillary

Plants in Bloom this week:

Tuberous Vervain (Sandpaper Verbena)	Obedient Plant
Mealy Blue Sage	Datura (Angel Trumpet)
Drummond's Petunia	Winecup
Texas Lantana	Partridge Pea
Blackfoot Daisy	Boneset
Horseherb	Lindheimer Senna
Zexmenia	Prairie Verbena
Gaura	Prairie Fleabane
Black-eyed Susan	Beebush
Passion Vine	Pale Smartweed
Frogfruit	Butterfly Weed (<i>Asclepias tuberosa</i>)
Day Flower (Widow's Tears)	Chili Piquin
Rock Rose	Crossvine
Sunflower	Texas Kidneywood
Gregg's Mistflower	Big Bluestem
Turk's Cap	Frostweed
Flame Acanthus	Maximillian Sunflower
Autumn Sage	4-Nerve Daisy

September 13, 2019

The heat of summer has been slow to release its grip and that has discouraged the butterflies from feeding in large numbers. We expect this to change soon and for now, there are quite a few species around to enjoy.

Seen this week in the Butterfly Garden:

Black Swallowtail	Monarch
Cloudless Sulphur	Orange Sulphur
Fiery Skipper	Phaon Crescent
Goatweed Leafwing	Queen
Gulf Fritillary	Red Admiral
Hackberry Emperor	Variegated Fritillary
Little Yellow	

Plants in Bloom this week:

Tuberous Vervain (Sandpaper Verbena)	Ironweed
Mealy Blue Sage	Obedient Plant
Drummond's Petunia	Datura (Angel Trumpet)
Texas Lantana	Winecup
Blackfoot Daisy	Partridge Pea
Horseherb	Boneset
Zexmenia	Lindheimer Senna
Prairie Fleabane	Prairie Verbena
Gaura	Prairie Fleabane
Black-eyed Susan	Beebush
Passion Vine	Pale Smartweed
Frogfruit	Buttonbush
Day Flower (Widow's Tears)	Butterfly Weed (Asclepias tuberosa)
Rock Rose	Smooth Sumac
Sunflower	Bitterweed
Gregg's Mistflower	Chili Piquin
Turk's Cap	Crossvine
Flame Acanthus	Texas Kidneywood
Autumn Sage	Big Bluestem

September 6, 2019

Labor Day has passed and fall is around the corner. September is a great month to see both typical and unfamiliar butterflies as migrants pass through and late season southern butterflies stray northward.

Seen this week in the Butterfly Garden:

Black Swallowtail	Little Yellow
Cloudless Sulphur	Monarch
Dainty Sulphur	Orange Sulphur
Eastern Tiger Swallowtail	Phaon Crescent
Giant Swallowtail	Pipevine Swallowtail
Goatweed Leafwing	Queen
Gulf Fritillary	Question Mark

Plants in Bloom this week:

Tuberous Vervain (Sandpaper Verbena)	Flame Acanthus
Mealy Blue Sage	Autumn Sage
Drummond's Petunia	Ironweed
Texas Lantana	Obedient Plant
Blackfoot Daisy	Datura (Angel Trumpet)
Horseherb	Winecup
Zexmenia	Partridge Pea
Prairie Fleabane	Boneset
Gaura	Lindheimer Senna
Black-eyed Susan	Prairie Verbena
Passion Vine	Prairie Fleabane
Frogfruit	Beebush
Day Flower (Widow's Tears)	Coral Honeysuckle
Rock Rose	Pale Smartweed
Sunflower	Buttonbush
Compass Plant	Butterfly Weed (<i>Asclepias tuberosa</i>)
Lord Baltimore Hibiscus	Smooth Sumac
Gregg's Mistflower	Evening Primrose
Turk's Cap	Maximilian Sunflower