



## Comparison of plants that do and do not support lepidoptera (caterpillars)

Botanical name	Common name	Number of lepidoptera supported
<i>Prunus virginiana</i>	Chokecherry	411
<i>Salix nigra</i>	Black willow	399
<i>Helianthus decapetalus</i>	Thin leaved sunflower	58
<i>Phlox divaricata</i>	Woodland phlox	7
<i>Malus coronaria</i>	Sweet crabapple	293
<i>Gleditsia tricanthos</i>	Honey locust (invasive)	34
<i>Ginko biloba</i>	Ginko	1
<i>Buxus sempervirens</i>	Common boxwood	0
<i>Forsythia intermedia</i>	Forsythia	0
<i>Buddleja davidii</i>	Butterfly bush	0 (gives sugar highs)

List adapted from Dan Jaffe Wilder's.

Remember, it's about biomass. One does not need to only plants that support caterpillars. All flowers (for the most part) attract wildlife. It's important to have a good number that support habitat and protein needs. Ratio of 75% native to non-native is ideal.