# Butterfly Plants Available in 2015 at Scotts Nursery, Saranac Lake



Roger and Kathy Steinbrueck, owners of Scotts Florist, Saranac Lake

Display Copies of the AdkAction.org Monarch Brochure which they will

Distribute from their shop.

## Information on plants Scotts has in stock:

Plants we sell that attract Monarchs:

**Annuals:**

Buddleia, Snapdragon, Cleome, Lantana, Nasturtium, Cosmos, Verbena, zinnia

**Perennials:**

Aster, Baptisia, Centaurea (coneflower), Chelone (turtlehead), Coreopsis, Bee Balm, Scabiosa, Rudbeckia (black-eyed susan), Oregano, Purple coneflower (Echinacea purpurea)

Tips from Scotts:

There are many factors that contribute to the success of a butterfly garden

- Get to know what butterflies are in your area.

- Locate your garden in a sunny area. Flowers that need sunlight attract more butterflies.
- Landscape your garden in an area with flowers butterflies prefer. Many butterflies prefer plants with clusters of short tubular flowers.
- Use large swaths of color. Butterflies are attracted to flowers by their color, so planting in masses of flowers make it easier for them to find that single plantings.
- Provide continuous blooms throughout the growing season. Butterflies are active from spring into late fall, but mid-to late-blooming season flowers are when butterflies are most active.
- Provide food for your butterfly caterpillars. To increase the number of butterflies in your garden, include plants that caterpillars feed on. Monarch caterpillars feed exclusively on milkweed.
- Include shallow watering areas. Many butterflies drink from moist soil or shallow puddles, sometimes forming large groups called puddle clubs.
- Provide sheltered, shady areas. Butterflies often need cool-down areas in hot weather and protection from wind, rain and predators.
- Use pesticides cautiously. Butterflies are easily killed by insecticides. Try using other methods of pest control, such as soaps or removing infected plants.
- Some butterflies do not nectar on flowers but prefer ripe fruit, sap flows, and carrion. Provide overripe melon rinds and fruit to the butterfly garden