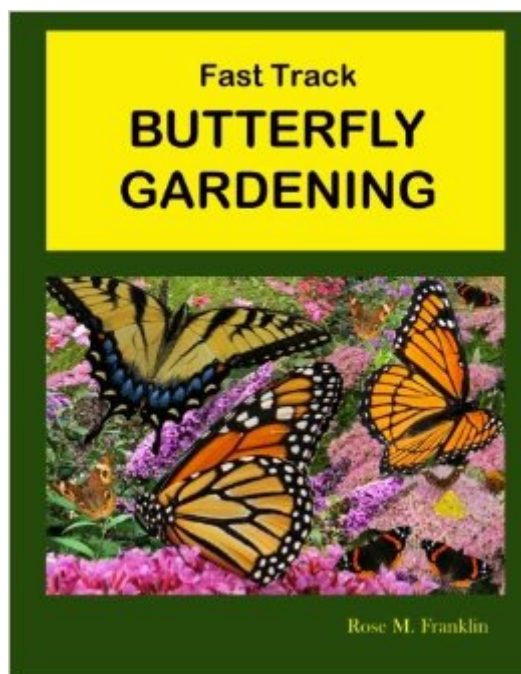


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# Fast Track BUTTERFLY GARDENING



## Synopsis

With mystical beauty and delicate grace, butterflies amaze and mesmerize us. They decorate our gardens with vibrant color and assist other insects in the pollination of flowers. Do you wish you could attract more of these beautiful creatures to your yard? You can! Easily and quickly, you can transform a small portion of your lawn into a butterfly paradise. Rose Franklin has been invested in, and possibly obsessed with, butterfly gardening for 20 years. She has rated and ranked hundreds of plant species for their attractiveness to butterflies, and then compiled a list of plants that are irresistible to them. This book beautifully illustrates and describes the top ranking plants. It also intimately introduces you to some of the butterflies you will likely see in your newly-created butterfly garden.

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## Customer Reviews

I just purchased this book and could hardly put it down! It is a great read and is packed full unbiased tried and true information. If this book was available 16 years ago when I first started butterfly gardening -I would have saved myself alot of time and money. The book is - a Fast Track! It is full of great photos and information right from the source. I have ordered plants from her perennial nursery and have had the opportunity to attend a seminar and tour the gardens in Spring Mills, PA. Her committment in creating habitats and sharing her wealth of information through this book is a gift.

Excellent book to help give you the basics of gardening for butterflies. It has amazing photos and tips to choose flowers,shrubs and trees that are attractive to various species of butterflies! Well

worth the investment. I also had the opportunity to visit Rose Franklin's gardens and see the caterpillars and butterflies she raises! She has information about monarch caterpillars that is invaluable to someone who would like to raise caterpillars at home! Her love for butterflies and gardening will open a door for you and your family . One small step will keep butterflies alive and well for future generations. Her website is (...). She has been wonderful. She answered my questions by email and has given me guidance to make my garden a "BUTTERFLY ZONE'. I highly recommend purchasing this book-you will not be sorry!!!!!!

The experimental work has already been done. You can always do a bit of experimenting, if you wish. But author Rose Franklin has already done lots of experimenting--and the novice butterfly gardener is the beneficiary. What kind of milkweed do Monarch butterfly caterpillars like best? The answer's in the book. What plant will Black Swallowtail caterpillars eat if there is no Queen Anne's Lace around? It's in the book. Are there other nectar plants that will attract butterflies as well as butterfly bush? Oh yes. Find out which ones. In her low-key, conversational style, the author encourages and informs the beginning butterfly gardener by supplying lots of hints and tried and true techniques. Butterfly gardens are needed now more than ever before, because development is resulting in destruction and fragmentation of natural habitats. With a wealth of references in the resource section, a handy glossary of butterfly terms, and beautiful photos to inspire, I predict that "Fast Track Butterfly Gardening" will launch many "wanna-bees" into the fun and satisfying hobby of enjoying butterflies in their own yard.

Gardening to attract and reproduce butterflies naturally in your own yard is the topic of this wonderful butterfly book. Rose captured the keys to successful butterfly gardening between the first and last page. Describing what to do and plant as well as why, readers will understand how to have a successful butterfly garden by the time they turn the last page.

I have given away a dozen of these books to people sincerely interested in attempting butterfly gardening. I have many books on assisting pollinators and they are very good and very detailed. This book is truly a 'fast track' to the best plant cultivars for whom are excited for immediate gratification. Her online garden center is also my butterfly plant purchase 'go to.' Thanks Rose. I know these books are difficult endeavors to undertake. Well done on this one.

This is your best choice if you're interested in planting a garden for butterflies. She includes a "Top

20" list of butterfly-attracting plants, and a separate list of host plants. (After all, you can't have butterflies without caterpillars.) A great book, filled with suggestions of what to plant that we all can use to fight the rapid decline of butterflies in America.

Rose Franklin's "Fast Track Butterfly Gardening" is my new "go-to" reference for my butterfly related gardening activities. It is very well written and contains all of the pertinent information anyone would need to get started in this wonderful and very rewarding endeavor. The photographs are fabulous. Additional information sources (e.g., books, field guides, web sites, etc.) are provided at the end of the book. I wish that this book had been available five years ago, when I first started supporting the Monarch Watch project at the University of Kansas and their migration studies by tagging and releasing Monarch butterflies that I had reared from eggs and caterpillars. It would have saved me much time and effort. This year I wanted to expand my garden to attract other butterfly types, and Rose Franklin's book provided the answers to all of my questions. Without doubt this book should be your first choice if you are thinking about starting a butterfly garden.

The author's passion for butterflies and their beautiful flower paradise is clearly described and pictured in a way that a novice can understand! I am a teacher, and have purchased several of the books for my students to use this Spring and Summer -- to help them identify and learn about butterflies and their flowers, and to develop a love for the fragile ecosystem in our world! We are planning on having a butterfly garden at school, and this book will be instrumental in getting started!

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