






Butterfly Daydream

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Transform your lawn into a summer sanctuary for butterflies with the pollinator-attracting Butterfly Daydream garden. In addition to being a magnet for butterflies, this garden is also a fanciful feast for the eyes, boasting a vibrant display of color from early spring to fall with its bright purples, blues, and yellows.

-  Full sun exposure
(6 hrs of direct or indirect sun per day)
-  Planting maps cover 60 sq. ft.
-  Blooms early summer to fall
-  Low water needs
-  Hardiness maximum of 6,500 ft.

Individual Plant Information

N indicates a regionally native plant

BLACK-EYED SUSAN - *Rudbeckia fulgida* 'Goldsturm' **N**

QTY. 3



The classic Black-eyed Susan features a dark central disc surrounded by a bright, golden ray of petals above stiff, hairy stems, and dark green foliage.



Mature height 18-24"
Mature spread 18-24"



Full sun



Low water needs



Blooms mid-summer to fall



Attracts birds, butterflies



Resists deer, rabbits



CARE: Grows easily in well-drained soils when planted in full sun. It is considered a short-lived perennial that typically survives 4-6 years, but it will spread by seed. Rudbeckia plants that become taller or bushier than desired can be cut back to 6" to generate fresh growth and maintain size.

LITTLE BLUESTEM GRASS - *Schizachyrium scoparium* **N**

QTY. 2



This native grass' kaleidoscope of colors start as blue-gray pastels in the summer and become bronze tones in the fall with white fluffy seed heads.



Mature height 3-4'
Mature spread 24-30"



Full sun



Low water needs



Blooms fall



Attracts birds



Resists deer, rabbits



CARE: This highly adaptable grass is tolerant of sunbaked locations and poor soil of all varieties, and is ill-suited for shady, wet soils, which will lead to poor structure and floppy growth.

BLUE FORTUNE HYSSOP - *Agastache* 'Blue Fortune' **N**

QTY. 1



This native variety of hyssop boasts spikes of lavender blue flowers atop triangular, dark green leaves on stout, square stems.



Mature height 2-4'
Mature spread 18-24"



Full sun



Low water needs



Blooms summer to fall



Attracts bees, butterflies



Resists deer, rabbits



CARE: Water regularly for the first season to establish the root system. Make sure the soil is well drained, as Hyssop does not tolerate soil that is constantly wet. After it is established, it is very drought tolerant. Blue Fortune Hyssops prefer more shade than other, more southern varieties.

BUTTERFLY BLUE PINCUSHION - *Scabiosa columbaria* 'Butterfly Blue'

QTY. 2



These blooms display cheerful, lavender-blue florets which surround a light gray center with fine hairs resembling pins, hence the common name "Butterfly Blue Pincushion".



Mature height 18-24"
Mature spread 18-24"



Full sun



Low water needs



Blooms mid to late summer



Attracts bees, butterflies



Resists deer



CARE: Best grown in well-drained soils, this plant is intolerant of water-logged and heavy clay soil. Amending soil with compost or squeegee is recommended.

BLUE SPRUCE SEDUM - *Sedum* 'Blue Spruce'

QTY. 1



This evergreen perennial has a low-growing, trailing habit with blue green conifer-like leaves and yellow star-shaped flowers on reddish hued stems. A vigorous grower.



Mature height 4-6"
Mature spread 12-18"



Full sun



Low water needs



Blooms summer



Attracts bees, birds, butterflies



Resists deer, rabbits



CARE: Prefers full sun or partial shade. Only occasional watering needed once mature. This low maintenance sedum can handle some neglect!

MAY NIGHT SALVIA - *Salvia nemorosa* 'May Night'

QTY. 2



A dense, upright clump with erect stalks rising from grayish-green, oblong leaves to present crowded spikes of violet-blue flowers from early to late summer.



Mature height 18-24"
Mature spread 12-18"



Full sun



Low water needs



Blooms summer



Attracts bees, birds, butterflies



Resists deer, rabbits



CARE: This hardy plant is not fussy about soil and flourishes in full sun with minimal water.

PRAIRIE DROPSEED - *Sporobolus heterolepis* **N**

QTY. 1



Slender, bright green leaves form a finely textured background for airy, open panicles of gray-green flowers in mid summer. In the fall, the seed heads turn golden-pink when backed by sunlight.



Mature height 24-30"
Mature spread 18-24"



Full sun



Low water needs



Blooms summer to fall



Attracts birds



Resists deer



CARE: Will take about 3 years to reach full maturity, but mature clumps will live for decades without the need for division. Too much shade will make the grass flop.

PURPLE CONEFLOWER - *Echinacea purpurea* **N**

QTY. 1



Large, upswept, daisy-like purple flowers with showy, rose-colored rays above sturdy yet thin green stalks.



Mature height 2-3'
Mature spread 18-24"



Full sun



Low water needs



Blooms mid to late summer



Attracts bees, birds, butterflies



CARE: Division is not recommended due to long tap root.

WHITE SWAN CONEFLOWER - *Echinacea purpurea* 'White Swan' **N**

QTY. 2



Large, deep green leaves form a wide base becoming progressively smaller moving up the dainty, yet sturdy stems. Large, daisy-like flowers with white rays are held above the foliage throughout summer.



Mature height 24-30"
Mature spread 18-24"



Full sun



Low water needs



Blooms mid to late summer



Attracts bees, birds, butterflies



CARE: Division is not recommended due to long tap root.

Plant Maintenance by Season

MAINTENANCE TASKS

PLANT

SPRING (AFTER FIRST GROWING SEASON)

Divide mature plants in early spring every 3-4 years, as desired.
Cut back old growth or winter damage in mid to late spring.

Butterfly Blue Pincushion, May Night Salvia

Black-Eyed Susan, Little Bluestem Grass, Blue Fortune Hyssop
Butterfly Blue Pincushion, May Night Salvia, Prairie Dropseed, Purple
Coneflower, White Swan Coneflower

SUMMER

Deadhead spent flowers to encourage new blooms and compact growth
and/or minimize self-seeding.
Water sparingly once established.

Black-Eyed Susan, Butterfly Blue Pincushion, May Night Salvia,
Purple Coneflower, White Swan Coneflower

Blue Fortune Hyssop, Blue Spruce Sedum

FALL

Leave last round of blooms to self-seed and/or to provide food for birds.

Black-Eyed Susan, Little Bluestem Grass, Butterfly Blue Pincushion,
May Night Salvia, Prairie Dropseed, Purple Coneflower, White Swan
Coneflower

Do not prune or cut back! Wait until spring to cut back to avoid crown rot.

Blue Fortune Hyssop

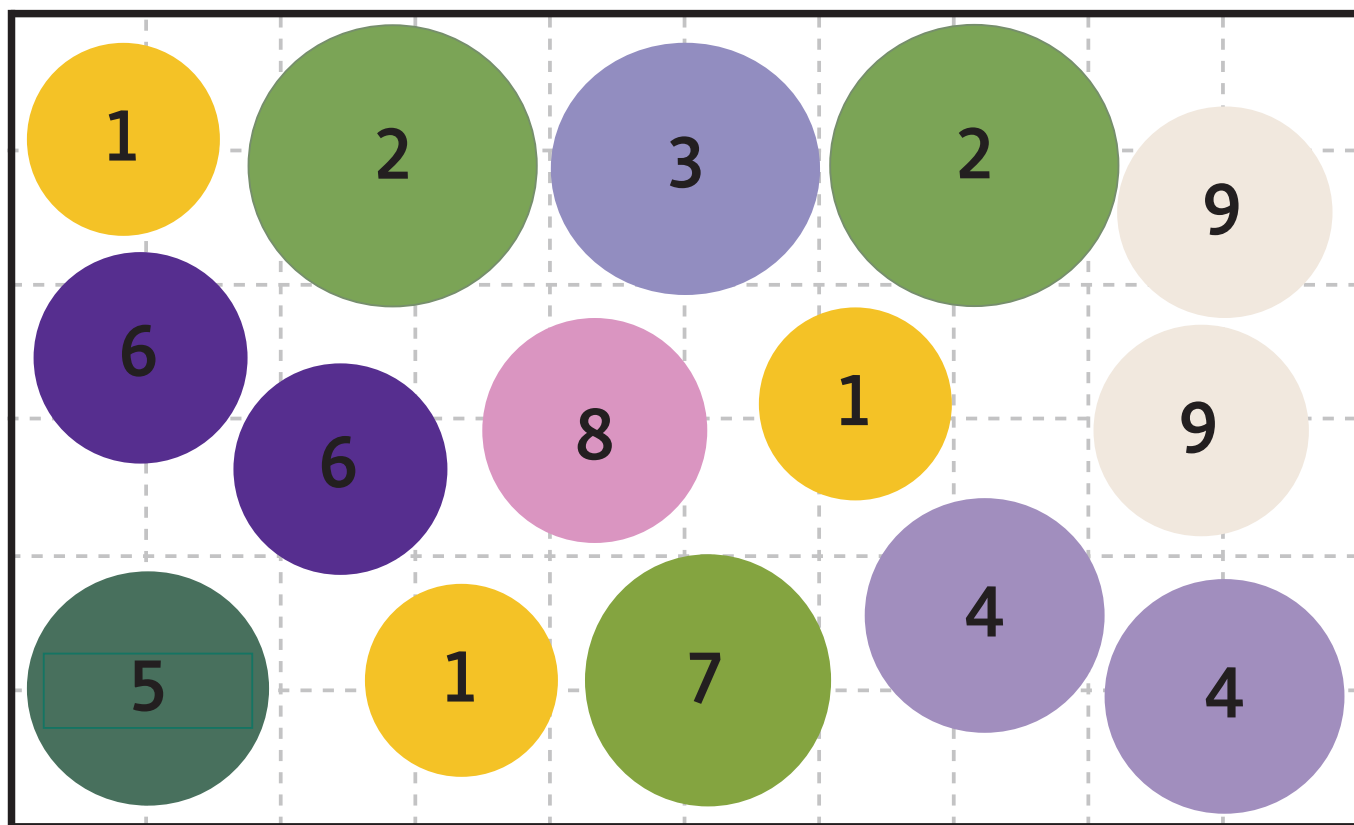
Plant-by-Number Design Suggestion

Key

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| 1. Black-Eyed Susan (Qty. 3) | 6. May Night Salvia (Qty. 2) |
| 2. Little Bluestem Grass (Qty. 2) | 7. Prairie Dropseed (Qty. 1) |
| 3. Blue Fortune Hyssop (Qty. 1) | 8. Purple Coneflower (Qty. 1) |
| 4. Butterfly Blue Pincushion (Qty. 2) | 9. White Swan Coneflower (Qty. 2) |
| 5. Blue Spruce Sedum (Qty. 1) | |

1 box = 1 square foot

Maps reflect showy bloom or foliage color.



10' x 6' rectangle

SUGGESTED FRONT SIDE OF GARDEN