PHILADELPHIA ORCHARD PROJECT

5 POP SHRUBS OR VINES & THE POLLINATORS THEY ATTRACT

Looking to support a range of pollinators in your orchard, backyard garden, or ecosystem? Check out this guide to 5 common orchard trees and the species they attract regionally, based on the work of Doug Tallemy's 'Bringing Nature Home.'

NOTE: The data below represents only butterflies and moths; some plants listed are much better at attracting bees and other pollinators!

BLUEBERRY (Vaccinium corymbosus)

281 species of butterflies and moths use blueberry as a caterpillar host plant

Zone 7A/7B Bloom Time: May-June

Left to right: White-marked Tussok Moth (Orgyia definita), Beggar Moth (Eubaphe mendica), Large Lace-Border Moth (Scopula limboundata)

ELDERBERRY (Sambucus spp.)

34 species of butterflies and moths use elderberry as a caterpillar host plant

Zone 7A/7B Bloom Time: June-July

Left to right: White-lined Sphinx Moth (Hyles lineata), Imperial Moth (Eacles imperialis), Cecropia Silkmoth (Hyalophora cecropia)

RASPBERRY (Rubus spp.)

162 species of butterflies and moths use raspberries as a caterpillar host plant

Zone 7A/7B Bloom Time: June-August

Left to right: Funerary Dagger Moth (Acronicta funeralis), Spiny Oak-Slug Moth (Euclea delphinii), Red-humped Caterpillar (Schizura concinna)

BLACKBERRY (Rubus fructicosus)

162 species of butterflies and moths use blackberry as a caterpillar host plant

Zone 7A/7B Bloom Time: May-September

Left to right: White-lined Sphinx (Hyles lineata), Lettered Habrosyne Moth (Habrosyne scripta), Crocus Geometer (Xanthotype sospeta)

GRAPES (Vitis vinifera)

75 species of butterflies and moths use grape as a caterpillar host plant

Zone 7A/7B Bloom Time: May-July

Left to right: Eight-Spotted Forester (Alypia octomaculata), Achemon Sphinx, (Eumorpha achemon), Beautiful Wood Nymph (Eudryas grata)

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