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**STRAWBERRY**  
(Fragaria vesca)  
77 species of butterflies and moths use strawberry as a caterpillar host plant  
Left to right: Northern Grizzled Skipper (Pyrgus centaureae), Isabella Tiger Moth (Pyrrharctia isabella), Crocus Geometer (Xanthotype sospeta)  
Zone 7A/7B Bloom Time: May-July

**GOLDEN ROD**  
(Solidago spp.)  
126 species of butterflies and moths use goldenrod as a caterpillar host plant  
Left to right: Helviobotys helvialis (Helvibotys helvialis), Green Owlet (Leuconycta diphteroides), Asteroid Moth (Cucillia asteroides)  
Zone 7A/7B Bloom Time: July-October

**JOE PYE WEED**  
(Eutrochium purpureum)  
35 species of butterflies and moths use pawpaw as a caterpillar host plant  
Left to right: Eyed Dysodia Moth (Dysodia oculatana), Boneset Borer Moth (Carmenta pyralidiformis), Clymene Moth (Haploa clymene)  
Zone 7A/7B Bloom Time: July-September

**WILD INDIGO**  
(Baptisia australis)  
20 species of butterflies and moths use wild indigo as a caterpillar host plant  
Left to right: Jaguar Flower Moth (Schinia jauarina), Hoary Edge Butterfly (Achalarus lyciades), Tiger Moth (Sitochroa dasconalis)  
Zone 7A/7B Bloom Time: July-August

**BROWN EYED SUSAN**  
(Rudbeckia triloba)  
75 species of butterflies and moths use brown-eyed susan as a caterpillar host plant  
Left to right: Silvery Checkerspot Chlosyne (Chlosyne nycteis), Gray Blotched Epiblema (Epiblema carolinana), Meadow Rue Borer (Papaipema unimoda)  
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**YARROW**
(Achillea millefolium)
16 species of butterflies and moths use yarrow as a caterpillar host plant

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

Left to right: Wavy-Lined Emerald (Synchlora aerata), Smeathmann’s Aethes Moth (Aethes smeathmanniana), Olive Groundcat (Lacinipolia olivacea)

**BEE BALM**
(Monarda spp.)
11 species of butterflies and moths use bee balm as a caterpillar host plant

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

Left to right: Raspberry Pyrausta (Pyrausta signatalis), Orange Mint Moth (Pyrausta orphisalis), Grey Marvel (Anterastria teratophora)

**COREOPSIS**
(Coreopsis lanceolata)
5 species of butterflies and moths use coreopsis as a caterpillar host plant

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

Left to right: Sunflower Bud Moth (Suleima helianthana), Dimorphic Gray (Tornos scolopacinarius), Common Tan Wave (Pleuroprucha insulsaria)

**BLAZING STAR**
(Liatris spicata)
4 species of butterflies and moths use blazing star as a caterpillar host plant

Zone 7A/7B Bloom Time: September

Left to right: Wavy-Lined Emerald (Synchlora aerata), no common name (Carmenta anthracipennis), Three-Lined Flower Moth (Schinia trifascia)

**ANISE HYSSOP**
(Agastache foeniculum)
3 species of butterflies and moths use anise hyssop as a caterpillar host plant

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

Left to right: Splendid Brass Looper (Diachrysia balluca), Radcliffe’s Dagger Moth (Acronicta radcliffei), Summer Azure (Celastrina neglecta)