



Plants for Butterflies & Hummingbirds



Columbine (*Aquilegia species*)

Perennial

- ❖ **Flower Color:** Red, pink, blue, purple.
- ❖ **Blooms:** Spring to early summer.
- ❖ **Size:** 1 to 3 feet tall; 6 to 24 inches wide.
- ❖ **Care:** Low-maintenance plants that prefer moist, but not wet, soil. Reseeds itself.



Butterfly Milkweed (*Asclepias tuberosa*)

Perennial

- ❖ **Flower Color:** Orange.
- ❖ **Blooms:** Summer to fall.
- ❖ **Size:** 1-1/2 to 3 feet tall; spreads 12 inches wide.
- ❖ **Care:** Well-drained soil; full sun. These plants will wander to where they're best suited in your garden.



Red Flowering Currant (*Ribes sanguineum*)

Perennial

- ❖ **Flower Color:** Pink to red drooping flowers
- ❖ **Blooms:** Early spring.
- ❖ **Size:** 5 to 10 feet tall
- ❖ **Care:** Low-maintenance plants that prefer dry, well-drained soil. Don't baby or overwater these plants.

Pacific Rhododendron (*R. macrophyllum*)

Perennial

- ❖ **Flower Color:** Rosy to rose-purple
- ❖ **Blooms:** May - June
- ❖ **Size:** 7 to 12 feet tall
- ❖ **Care:** Low-maintenance plants that prefer shade rather than full sun. They can tolerate moist to dry sites.

Other good choices: crabapple, salmonberry, bleeding heart, honeysuckle, trumpet vine, columbine, cascara, dogwoods, madrone, wild azalea and snowberry.



Start creating your own butterfly and hummingbird sanctuary with native trees, shrubs and groundcovers. Snohomish Conservation District hosts an annual plant sale in early March at the Monroe Fairgrounds.

Watch for details here: <http://www.snohomishcd.org/plant-sale>.

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