

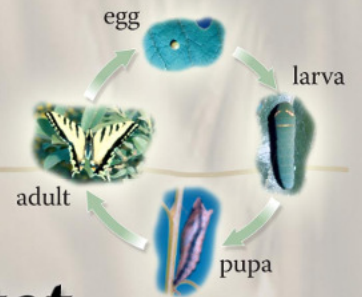


Western Tiger Swallowtail

Butterfly Garden

The District of Saanich's Butterfly Garden has plants and habitat dedicated to providing for local butterflies during all stages of their life-cycle. The garden is hand-weeded, no chemicals are used and the leaf mulch provides all the fertilizer that is required. Insect damage is tolerated as the plants have been provided for food so the caterpillars can become butterflies!

Butterfly Lifecycle



The Plants

Many gardens offer nectar plants which generally feed adult butterflies. This garden uses mostly native plants that are known to feed specifically the larval stages of native butterflies.

SHRUBS

Provide shelter from wind and rain, as well as a food source.



PERENNIALS

Important 'host' plants that provide structure for eggs, foliage for larvae and nectar for adults.



GROUND COVER

Holds moisture, binds soil, and provides cover and food.



Pale Swallowtail

The Habitat

The features ensure that all needs of native butterflies are met.



- 1 Recessed areas with damp earth for a year-round water supply.
- 2 Small tray with sand for trace minerals.
- 3 Debris piles - rocks and flat stones for shelter and for basking.
- 4 Mulch and leaf litter is retained to ensure that certain species have appropriate shelter for their chrysalis or 'cocoon' stages.



Common Ringlet Butterfly



Checkerspot