



Butterflies AND THEIR Caterpillars



For a butterfly-friendly garden:

Checklist

- ☐ Young silver or black wattle
- ☐ Nectar plants for adults
- ☐ Host plants for eggs and caterpillars
- ☐ Brightly coloured open flowers (yellow, purple, orange and red)
- ☐ Range of plants that will flower throughout spring, summer and autumn
- ☐ Flat rocks for butterflies to sun themselves and court each other
- ☐ Shallow dish of water amongst plants or create depressions in the soil for mud-puddling
- ☐ No insecticides



Whilst we can all enjoy the visual beauty of a butterfly in a garden, butterflies and their caterpillars are an important part of the food web as food for other native animals such as birds, frogs and lizards. Native butterflies are fantastic pollinators in your garden. They are a valuable part of our urban ecosystem.



Some butterfly species found in Whitehorse



Painted Lady

Vanessa kershawii

Found near:

Creek banks and eucalypt forests areas with wattles

 Wingspan: 5 cm



Dainty Swallowtail

Papilio anactus

Found near:

Forested/ treed areas

 Wingspan: 7 cm



Meadow Argus

Junonia villida

Found near:

Creek banks and eucalypt forests

 Wingspan: 5 cm



Swallowtail caterpillars are often found nibbling on fresh citrus leaves.

They will eat the leaves until some stems are bare. Usually the citrus will not be disturbed by the amount of leaves that these caterpillars eat. Please keep them there and soon they will form a cocoon on the stem.

Suggested plants:

Host plants for eggs and caterpillars	1	Silver Wattle (<i>Acacia dealbata</i>) or Black Wattle (<i>Acacia mearnsii</i>)		
	2	Spiny-headed Mat-rush (<i>Lomandra longifolia</i>)		
	3	Kangaroo Grass (<i>Themeda triandra</i>)		
Nectar plants for adults	4	Silver Banksia (<i>Banksia marginata</i>)		
	5	Cut Leaf Daisy (<i>Brachyscome multifida</i>)		
	6	Clustered Everlasting (<i>Chrysocephalum semipapposum</i>)		