Elizabeth Danforth Butterfly Garden

Thank you for respecting the Butterfly Garden as a tranquil space.

Please:

- Stay on the paths in the inner garden
- Observe the butterflies and plants without disturbing them
- Enjoy the lawn for supervised energetic activities

The Elizabeth Danforth Butterfly Garden is a Woman’s Club of Washington University service project dedicated in 1996 to honor Elizabeth (Ibby) Danforth, the wife of retiring Chancellor William H. Danforth. This garden, on the Danforth Campus at the intersection of Forsyth and Wallace Drive, is a relaxing site and natural area attractive to students, faculty and staff, neighbors, and local schools. The Butterfly Garden committee with the partnership of Washington University Facilities has developed the garden for 25 years, adding benches, picnic tables, and an arbor. Generous donations to the Butterfly Garden 25th Anniversary Gift Fund made the addition of a spacious pergola and hardscape enhancements possible in 2021 to celebrate the Butterfly Garden’s 25th Anniversary. The garden qualified for certification as a Monarch Waystation from the national Monarch Watch organization in 2016. In 2021 we began participating in the Monarch tagging program through University of Kansas. The Butterfly Garden endowment and the generosity of WU supports annual planting and operating expenses.

The garden has more than 90 native Missouri trees and shrubs in addition to many flowering plants needed by butterflies for food and habitat. The committee of volunteers works in the garden Tuesday mornings each week from March to October, weather permitting. We would be delighted to welcome anyone interested in helping. No commitment is necessary; we all come when our schedules permit. Email for details.

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ELIZABETH DANFORTH BUTTERFLY GARDEN

Dedicated in 1996 to Elizabeth Danforth. A gift from the Woman’s Club of Washington University
Honoring 24 year of wonderful service during Dr. William Danforth’s Chancellorship

The garden has many native trees, shrubs, and plants needed as food for specific butterflies in the larval stage.

**Speckled Swallowtail**
*Papilio protenor*
This butterfly is named for the speckled spots on the underside of its wings. It is found in wooded areas and often appears near flowers.

**Eastern Tiger Swallowtail**
*Papilio glaucus*
This butterfly has a distinct black and orange wing pattern. It is found in a variety of habitats and is a common sight in gardens.

**Pipevine Swallowtail**
*Kasa* (Euploea phaon)
This butterfly is a mimic of the Pipevine Swallowtail, which is toxic to predators. It often appears near flowers.

**Zebra Swallowtail**
*Papilio icarioides*
This butterfly has a unique black and white striped pattern. It is often found near flowers and is attracted to nectar.

**Question Mark**
*Polygonia interrogationis*
This butterfly has a distinctive question mark on its rear wings. It is often seen near flowers and is a common garden inhabitant.

**Red Admiral**
*Vanessa atalanta*
This butterfly is known for its vivid red, orange, and black wings. It is often seen flying near flowers and is a common garden visitor.

**Monarch**
*Danaus plexippus*
This butterfly is known for its orange and black wings and its migration patterns. It is often seen flying near flowers.

**Painted Lady**
*Vanessa cardui*
This butterfly is known for its orange and black wings and is often seen near flowers.

**Butterfly Weed**
*Asclepias curassavica*
This butterfly is named for the bright orange flowers that attract butterflies.

**Great Spangled Fritillary**
*Speisoptera cybele*
This butterfly is known for its black and orange wings and is often seen near flowers.

**Silver Spotted Skipper**
*Epargyreus clarus*
This butterfly is known for its silver spots on its wings and is often seen near flowers.

**Cabbage White**
*Borbo rapae*
This butterfly is known for its white and black wings and is often seen near flowers.