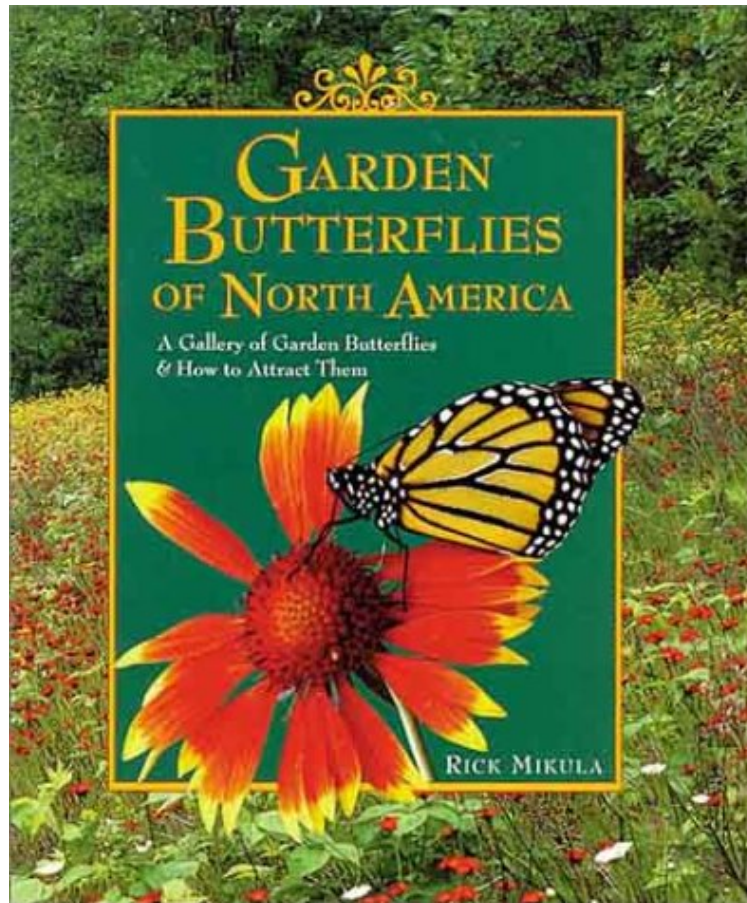


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Garden Butterflies of North America is a vivid color portfolio of 40 of North America's most treasured and colorful

garden butterfly varieties. It's also loaded with natural history vignettes of the individual butterflies as well as illustrated information on how to design and manage gardens and backyards to attract them. You will find numerous charts and plans for all types of gardens, from a container garden to a full-sized formal garden, specific details on plants that attract butterflies, how-to diagrams for building a butterfly hibernating box, and water sources such as ponds, fountains, mud baths, and waterless ponds. Rick Mikula is the founder of the Hole-in-Hand Butterfly Farm where he's been breeding and selling butterflies in seven greenhouses since 1980. His work has been profiled in People magazine, The Wall Street Journal and on the Discovery Channel. In addition, Mikula serves as the butterfly habitat consultant for many universities, zoos, museums and aviaries.

From Booklist Mikula, author of Brooklyn Botanical Garden's Butterfly Garden, offers readers a study of 40 North American butterflies, including swallowtails, brushfoots, whites, sulphurs, skippers, heliconians, blues, hairstreaks, and crescents. Mikula gives details on habitat, diet, size, color (including the color of eggs, caterpillars, and pupa), migration, flight, and mating habits. Included are a color photograph of each butterfly and a list of plants and flowers that attract it. There are chapters on life cycles and on creating a garden to attract butterflies, including a region-by-region list of food and cover plants to entice them and a list of herbs and the butterflies they attract. There is also a guide to the most popular gardens and zoos where butterflies can be studied. The Nature Book Society, National Wildlife Federation, and Organic Gardening book clubs will feature Garden Butterflies as one of their selections. George Cohen For most people, the mention of butterflies immediately evokes an image of delicate beauty, even if we know little about them. Fortunately, Rick Mikula takes our comprehension of the lovely lepidoptera a bit further in his book, Garden Butterflies of North America: A Gallery of Garden Butterflies How to Attract Them. The various types of butterflies common to North America are explored, along with methods for inviting them into our own backyards. Mikula provides a brief history of the butterfly, explodes the myth of a "butterfly season" (some species hibernate) and discusses man's fascination with them through the ages. Various Northern species are examined, as are their eating habits and life cycles, the flowers that attract them, the climate they prefer and other intriguing patterns. A thorough profile is provided for each butterfly, with a list of suggested plants to grow for attracting them to the home garden. Garden Butterflies of North America is as absorbing in content as it is pleasing to the eye, and provides a better understanding and deeper appreciation for these winged creatures. -- From Independent Publisher About the Author Rick Mikula is the founder of the Hole-In-Hand Butterfly Farm where he's been breeding and selling butterflies in seven greenhouses since 1980. His work has been profiled in People magazine, The Wall Street Journal, and on the Discovery Channel. In addition, Mikula serves as the butterfly habitat consultant for many universities, zoos, museums, and aviaries.