TOP 10 WAYS TO CREATE A HAVEN FOR BUTTERFLIES
1. Locate in a sunny area. Butterflies and most butterfly-attracting
plants require bright sunshine. They are cold blooded and don’t fly in
the morning. The temperature needs to be about 70 for them to fly.
When you see a butterfly with its wings open, it is gathering heat to
pump its wings and fly. When the wings are closed together, the
temperature is reached.
2. Plant nectar-producing flowers. Unlike hummingbirds they like
short tubes. Don’t throw out overripe bananas or watermelon rinds.
Butterflies love the sweet, syrupy sugar in them.
3. Select single flowers rather than double flowers. It is easier for
them to land on a flat surface.
4. Use large masses of one color rather than mixed colors. Their
least favorite colors are green, blue and white. Yellow, red and purple
should be your first choices.
5. Have something blooming year round. To keep butterflies in
your garden plan plantings that will supply nectar throughout the
growing season.