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Little Red Wagonful

Nurturing Nature One Wagon at a Time



June 2021

In early June the world of leaf and blade and flowers explodes, and every sunset is different.

– John Steinbeck

June is the month we honor dads, and on the 21st, summer begins and we will celebrate national pollinator week. Join us for the Pollinator Power Party and Mimosas & Monarchs featured in our Monthly Events section. Help pollinators by choosing native plants for a butterfly garden—it can be as simple as a container on your porch. Stop by Little Red Wagon Native Nursery and our staff will help you select plants to attract pollinators and even find something cool for Dad!

Butterfly of the Month



Eastern Black Swallowtails

Eastern Black Swallowtails are lovely to behold with rich, blue-black wings that are 2 1/2 - 3 1/2" across. A double row of uninterrupted pumpkin-orange spots on the hindwing (see Photo 1) helps distinguish this butterfly from other dark-colored swallowtails (like the Pipevine Swallowtail (see photo #2) and the Spicebush Swallowtail (see photo #3) that fly in our area.

Females lay round, yellow-green eggs singly on plants in the carrot family. These plants include Golden Alexander (*Zizia aurea*), mock bishop's weed (*Ptilimnium capillaceum*), dill (*Anethum graveolens*), parsley (*Petroselinum crispum*), fennel (*Foeniculum vulgare*) and rue (*Ruta graveolens*). The caterpillar is yellowish-green with thin black stripes and black bands with yellow spots (see Photo 4).

Adult Eastern Black Swallowtails like to nectar on tropical sage (*Salvia coccinea*), purple coneflower (*Echinacea purpurea*), and blazing star (*Liatris gracilis*). With multiple broods throughout the year, why not include some host and nectar plants in your landscape for these beauties?

Plant of the Month

Golden Alexander (*Zizia aurea*)

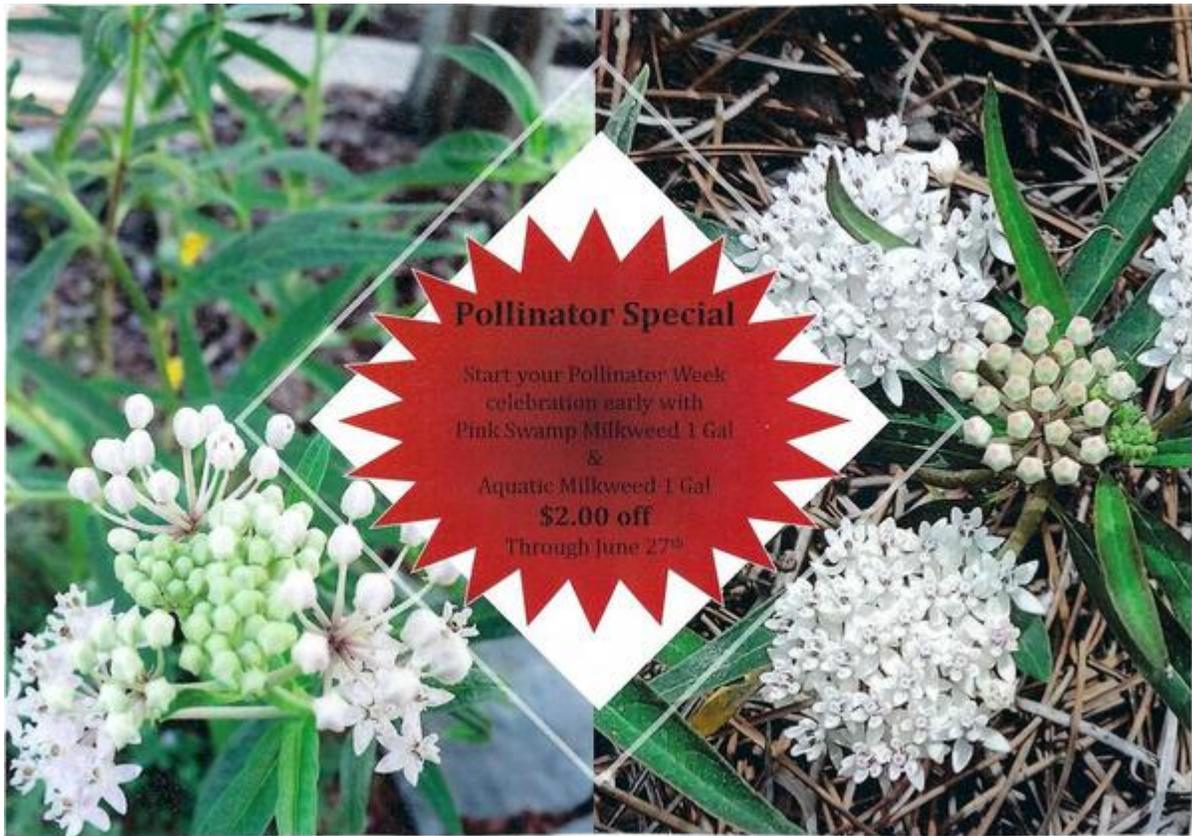
Golden Alexander (*Zizia aurea*) is an easy-to-grow perennial that belongs in just about every garden. It's a host plant for Eastern Black Swallowtail caterpillars and its flat-topped clusters of tiny yellow flowers serve as a great nectar source for a range of native bees, pollinating flies, butterflies, and beetles. Growing 1-3 feet tall, this beauty blooms April through June. It tolerates a range of sun and soil moisture conditions and readily self-seeds. Pair it with Butterfly weed (*Asclepias tuberosa*), bahama cassia (*Senna mexicana var. chapmanii*) and dill (*Anethum graveolens L.*) for an airy garden feel that's bursting with pops of yellow and orange.

\$16.00 / 1 Gallon

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Pollinator Week Special



Pollinator Week Special ends June 27

Now through June 27, get \$2.00 off any purchase of 1 gallon aquatic milkweed (*Asclepias*) or 1 gallon pink swamp milkweed (*Asclepias incarnata*).

(Discount valid in-store only)

Garden Swag



Summertime! Fun Time!

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New Pots & Bird Baths are in. Hurry in before they are all gone!

These unique planters and bird baths are digitally printed in the USA with 3-year UV-resistant inks. Features include double-walled rim, built-in wheels for easy mobility, and removable planter insert. Made of lightweight, durable polypropylene. Lots of styles available.

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Design with Vines



Woolly Dutchman's pipe (*Aristolochia tomentosa*)

Woolly Dutchman's pipe (*Aristolochia tomentosa*) is a 20-30 foot, fast-growing vine that has very unusual flowers: its curved trumpet-shaped flowers resemble a tobacco-smoking pipe. With 4-8" heart-shaped leaves, Victorian gardeners in the southern United States frequently used these plants to shade porches and other outdoor areas.

The plant is important for two of our native swallowtails: Polydamas and Pipevine Swallowtail caterpillars will only feed on *Aristolochia spp.* plants. But please avoid planting *Aristolochia gigantea*. Pipevine Swallowtails will mistakenly lay eggs on this Brazilian native. Unfortunately, the plant is toxic to early instar Pipevine Swallowtail caterpillars.

Woolly Dutchman's pipe was historically found along streams and moist woods in its native range in the southeastern and south-central United States. Listed as a Zone 5-8b perennial, this plant does best in our Tampa gardens with filtered sun or light shade. It's important to keep the soil moist to mimic its natural habitat.

Please note: all parts of this plant are toxic when ingested, so please avoid planting where children or pets might accidentally ingest it.

\$18.00 / 1 Gallon

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Calling All Volunteers

Tampa Bay Butterfly Foundation regularly has a number of single-day and ongoing volunteering opportunities.



UPCOMING VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES:

Weekly Summer Day Camps: Now - August 6

Adult and High School-aged volunteers are needed to assist with our nature summer day camp program for children ages 6-10. This is a great opportunity for high school students to earn community service hours for Bright Future scholarships! To volunteer, sign up here: <https://volunteersignup.org/4FJKR>

TBBF Butterfly Alley Maintenance: June 26

Delia Smith, conservation director of the national organization of the North American Butterfly Association (NABA), created the landscape plan for our hell strip to habitat. Volunteers are needed to perform regular maintenance on Butterfly Alley (4110 W. Estrella St.) to help keep this area looking beautiful.

To volunteer, sign up here: <https://volunteersignup.org/PAB8R>

Encore! Technology Park: June 29

Volunteers are needed to help maintain the Tampa Bay Butterfly Foundation-sponsored butterfly garden at Encore Park! located at 1210 E. Harrison St. (Corner of Harrison Street and Hank Ballard St.)

To volunteer, sign up here: <https://volunteersignup.org/WY89P>



Little Red Wagon Native Nursery:

We currently need garden enthusiasts to help us support the efforts of Tampa Bay Butterfly Foundation's conservation, research, and education efforts. To join our awesome volunteer team, sign up here:

<https://volunteersignup.org/9BQTJ>

ABOUT THE TAMPA BAY BUTTERFLY FOUNDATION:

With a focus on Florida butterfly species and native plants, environmental education and local awareness in the Tampa Bay area, Tampa Bay Butterfly Foundation was established to support the conservation of butterflies and pollinators and the restoration of their natural wildlife habitats. By working globally with university research partners, providing educational and research opportunities and community outreach programs, and through multi-faceted fundraising efforts, the Foundation aims to elevate public awareness of the importance of butterflies.

The Tampa Bay Butterfly Foundation Inc., a 501(c)(3), is an affiliate of the Butterfly Conservatory of Tampa Bay.

Pardon Our Metamorphosis



While construction of the Butterfly Conservatory continues, you may visit our temporary butterfly education exhibit during our normal business hours. Enjoy live butterflies every week: Fridays starting at 2 p.m. through Sunday closing. While the education exhibit is currently free, we do accept donations for Tampa Bay Butterfly Foundation for education, research and conservation for butterflies and native plants in our area. Please keep visiting [Butterfly Conservatory of Tampa Bay](https://www.butterflyconservatoryoftampabay.com) website for updates regarding our Grand Opening.

Summer Day Camp



Limited spots available through August 6.

Week days 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

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Unique themes every week

Butterfly releases. Meet the critters.

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Campers in awe as an Eastern black swallowtail is released.

Summertime Fun at Little Red Wagon Kids' Camp

Little Red Wagon Kids' Camp has been in full flight and we've released a lot of butterflies since camp started on June 1st. Thanks to the Owl's Nest Sanctuary For Wildlife/Tampa Bay Wildlife Rescue and Florida Skunk Rescue for visiting and giving our campers opportunities to meet and learn about some amazing creatures. Olive, our Chinese water dragon, and Steve, our red tailed boa, enjoyed all the extra attention they received from our campers each week. There's still a few spots available, so register now before programs become full.

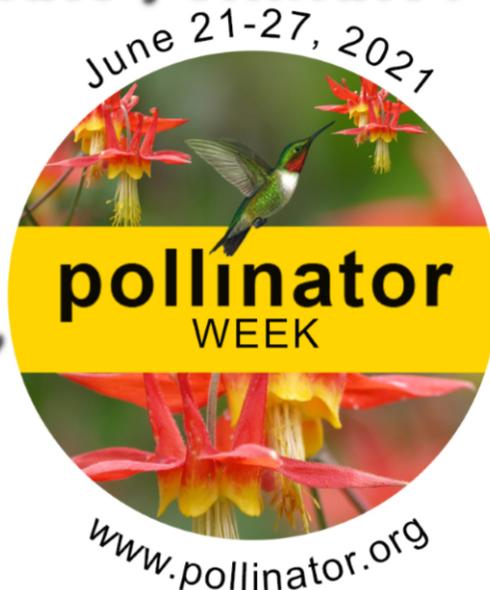
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Monthly Calendar of Events

June 1: *World Reef Day*
 June 3: *The Very Hungry Caterpillar's birthday*
 June 5: *World Environment Day*
 June 6: *National Animal Rights Day, World Oceans' Day*
 June 6-12: *National Gardening Week*
 June 9: *World Swallowtail Day*
 June 16: *World Sea Turtle Day*

Celebrate Pollinator Week

Join us
for
adult-only
events



\$25

June 21-27 is pollinator week and we're celebrating in a big way!

Watch our [Facebook page](#) for more details and in the mean time, brush up on all that's related to our native pollinators. (Hint: think bats, bees, butterflies, flies, moths, wasps and more.)

Pollinator Power Party



Thursday, June 24
6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Cost: \$25

Anita Camacho will present butterflies of Tampa Bay and the native plants they are attracted to. Participants may **B.Y.O.B.**

Light sandwiches will be provided.

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Mimosas & Monarchs



Sunday, June 27
10 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
Cost: \$25

Let's wrap up Pollinator week with mimosas and light refreshments while Anita Camacho presents the importance of pollinators.

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Pollinator Power Party

Invite your friends to join the fun.
Limited seats available.

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June 21 & 22: **AMAZON Prime Day.**
Please support Tampa Bay Butterfly Foundation by adding us as your favorite charity if you have an Amazon account. Shop at smile.amazon.com and a portion of the sale will be donated (at no cost to you) to help TBBF's conservation efforts. You shop, AmazonSmile donates.
June 22: *World Rainforest Day*
June 30: *Social Media Day*

Little Red Wagon Native Nursery is Hillsborough County's only native nursery. Supporting Florida's native plant & wildlife ecosystem and our natural world, we are located at 4113 Henderson Blvd. in South Tampa.

You can also visit us at LittleRedWagonNativeNursery.com

Email: Info@ButterflyTampa.com

Hours: Tuesdays - Fridays 11-5:30, Saturdays 10-5:30 and Sundays 12-4. Closed Mondays.

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