



The Butterfly Bush

A Read about the Butterfly Bush. Fill in the Fact File.

We can make habitats by planting trees and special shrubs that butterflies, birds and bees love. One of the shrubs we can plant is called the Butterfly Bush or Buddleia (*budd lee ah*). This shrub grows to about 5 metres high and can have purple, blue, red, pink or white flowers. It sows its seeds easily, so you may see it growing on waste ground and on building sites. Its flowers can be up to 25 centimetres long, making it easy for hungry butterflies to spot them. The flowers smell like honey and are full of nectar. Nectar is the butterfly's main food. The flowers bloom from June until October, so there is plenty of time for the butterflies to drink the sweet nectar. Red Admiral and Small Tortoiseshell butterflies love the Butterfly Bush.



Fact File: Butterfly Bush

Less common name: _____

Height it can grow to: _____

Length of its flowers: _____

Flower colours: _____

Months when it is in bloom: _____

Two butterflies that like it: _____

Where it grows: _____

Hot History

After World War 2 the Butterfly Bush was often seen growing where a bomb had fallen. People who lived during this war called it the 'Bombsite Plant'.

B Colour the Butterfly Bush. Choose a colour (purple, blue, red, pink or white) for its long flowers.



Find out about the Rowan tree and make a Fact File. It has berries that birds love.

