

Butterfly

Buddleja davidii

QUICK FACTS

USDA ZONES

5–9

SUNLIGHT

Full Sun

BLOOM

Summer

HEIGHT

4–10 ft

DEER

Resistant

POLLINATORS

Yes

AT A GLANCE

Standard *Buddleja davidii* produces an enormous quantity of viable seed and has a documented record of escaping gardens, especially in the Pacific Northwest. If you are in Oregon or Washington, use only certified non-invasive sterile cultivars -- primarily the Lo & Behold series or similar. In other states, aggressive and timely deadheading is required to prevent self-seeding. Choose the right cultivar for your situation before you plant.

PLANTING CHECKLIST

- Match site to sun requirements above before buying
- Test soil drainage — dig a 12" hole, fill with water, time it (should drain in 1–2 hrs)
- Dig hole 2x wider than rootball, same depth
- Backfill with native soil — do NOT amend the planting hole
- Water deeply at planting and weekly for first 3 weeks
- Mulch 2" deep, keep mulch 2" away from trunk/stems

FULL GUIDE WITH SOURCES

<https://outdoorplantcare.com/plants/butterfly-bush-care/>