



Fun Facts

About Butterflies:

- There are about 28,000 butterfly species throughout the world.
- Butterflies are typically named for distinguishing characteristics such as color or unique body parts.
- Monarch butterflies migrate more than 2,000 miles each year.
- The average butterfly lives only 2-4 weeks.



About Plants:

- Bee balm leaves, which have a minty fragrance, can be added to tea.
- The word Echinacea comes from the Greek word Echinus, which means hedgehog.
- Blanket flower was named for the way it used to blanket the prairies.
- Asclepias was named for the Greek god of medicine. Roots can be boiled to treat respiratory illnesses.
- The name Thyme comes from the French word for little dragon, and the foliage has a lemon scent when crushed.
- Lobelia can only be pollinated by hummingbirds because of the shape of the flower.



Resources

Organizations and websites:

Kansas Department of Wildlife & Parks
www.kdwp.state.ks.us

Kansas Native Plant Society
www.kansasnativeplantsociety.org
www.ksnps.org

Missouri Department of Conservation
www.mdc.gov

Grow Native!
www.grownative.org

North American Butterfly Association
www.naba.org

Xerces Society
www.xerces.org/home.htm



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