



Book Review by Margaret Hodgson

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Dr. Thomas C. Emmel has been a professor of zoology and entomology at the University of Florida, Gainesville, since 1968. He is particularly interested in the ecology, biology, and conservation of butterflies, and travels annually to countries such as Malaysia, Kenya, Russia, Ghana, Ecuador, Jamaica, Mexico, and Costa Rica to pursue his interests. He has done a number of projects with endangered species, including captive propagation and reintroduction of the Schaus' Swallowtail butterfly to the wild. Emmel is the

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Butterfly Gardening, Creating a Butterfly Haven in Your Garden is dedicated to Mr. Ronald Boender, founder and director of Butterfly World in Coconut Creek, Florida, Mr. Clive P. Farrell, co-partner with Mr. Boender of Butterfly World, and Mrs. Deen Day of Georgia who played an instrumental role in founding the Day Butterfly Centre at Callaway Gardens, Georgia.

Butterfly gardening is a recent development in North America, as late as the 1980s when a growing interest in butterflies started to develop and along with this interest, the desire to plant gardens specifically to attract butterflies. *Butterfly Gardening* is planned to help you organize your garden design and develop a butterfly garden appropriate to your home area and your local environment.

The book takes the reader through the steps of planning the butterfly garden and includes several practical plans for rectangular front and back yards, water sources, ponds, waterfalls, rocky crags, fruit trees to be incorporated into the design and special structures in the garden. An entire chapter is devoted to maintaining the butterfly garden and the handling of problems of pest control. The author has included a chapter on butterfly conservation and an additional chapter with a colourful gallery of butterfly photographs which are very useful for identification.

The Index covers butterfly names as well as plant names discussed in the various chapters of the book.