

# Butterfly Friendly Plant Cards for the Sierra Nevada Region

## 2011 Accomplishments

This project developed a two-sided laminated card to show 9 adult butterflies, their larval forms, and a native plant that is used for food or nectar by that butterfly. High quality photos of the butterflies were donated by Mike and Kim Stangeland and Jim Brock and Nicky Davis. High quality photos of native flowering plants were donated by Karen Callahan. We anticipate printing, laminating, and distributing the card in FY2012.

The butterflies, larva, and native plant species pictured on the card were selected by the Tahoe National Forest in cooperation with the Nevada County Master Gardeners and the Redbud Chapter of California Native Plant Society. The card was formatted by the Tahoe National Forest. The purpose of the card is to call attention to the importance of native plants to pollinators. (Note: the photos provided here are examples.)

In addition, in cooperation with the California Native Plant Society, Redbud Chapter, we will continue to seek funding to expand and continue this project.



Figure 2. Monarch butterfly with *Asclepias cordifolia*



Figure 1. Western swallowtail butterfly with *Monardella odoratissima*.

Year Awarded: FY2011

Project completion: FY2012

Report number: 1

Expenditures (FY2011): \$9,000

Partners/Contractors/Coop: Nevada County Master Gardeners, California Native Plant Society, Redbud Chapter, Nevada Placer Weed Management Area Group, Volunteers, Internal Partners, Photographers



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