



BUILD A BUTTERFLY PUDDLE

Butterflies are important pollinators.

Attract butterflies to your garden by building a butterfly puddle!

Why a Puddle?

- Butterflies like to sip water and it is important that they do this without getting their wings wet. If they get their wings wet, they can't fly!
- Flat rocks in the puddle allow butterflies to rest.
- Damp sand or soil in the puddles can provide male butterflies with a source of minerals.



How to Make a Butterfly Puddle

Equipment:

1. Pot plant base
2. Sand
3. Flat rocks
4. Small stones

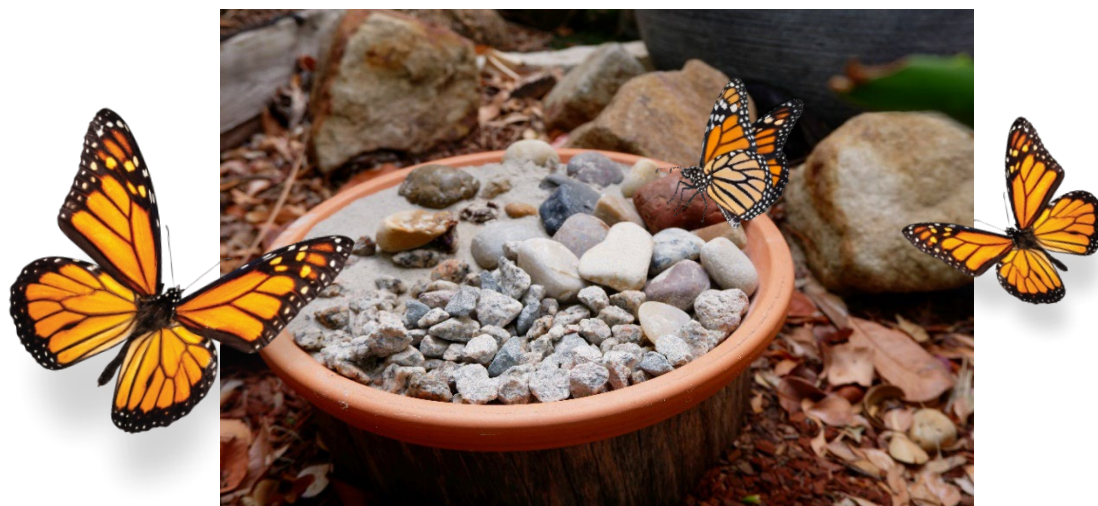
Method:

1. Start by spreading your pot plant base with sand or soil in the center
2. Add in a few flat rocks, sticks or small stones for your butterfly to rest on.
3. Add water until the entire area fills to create a shallow puddle
4. Add an extra bowl with decaying fruit to offer them a special treat or yeast packets/vegemite.
5. Plan to change the sand/soil once per month.

Why are butterflies important?

Butterflies are an important source of food for birds and lizards.

They are the fourth most important pollinator behind bees, wasps and flies and are important for food production.



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Here are some examples of butterfly puddles made by a local kindergarten. You might like to have fun with it and use different objects, like the shells in the one below!

