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Book Review

Attracting Butterflies to your Garden – What to Grow and Conserve in the Adelaide Region, by Hunt, Grund, Keane and Forrest. 2nd Edition 2016. Butterfly Conservation SA Inc. Adelaide South Australia, 164pp, \$29.95.

Back in the 1990s we asked "Where have all the butterflies gone?" Without caterpillars there are no butterflies and many birds and animals will starve. This is our Web of Life. Butterflies are also very important for pollination of plants, as this is not just a province of native bees and European honeybees.

Due to popular demand the Butterfly Conservation SA has published the 2nd edition of *Attracting Butterflies to your Garden*. This book showcases 40 of South Australia's butterflies, found in and around Adelaide. Butterflies can be encouraged by strategic planting of host plants for the caterpillars and by providing nectar plants, which flower throughout the year, for the adult butterflies to feed on.

Sophie Thomson, the well-respected presenter of ABC's Gardening Australia, has enjoyed her association with Butterfly Conservation SA. Ms Thomson said, "We were recently recognised by the association as a 'Butterfly Site' and we want to keep the butterflies and their larvae, the caterpillars, happy by having the right plants in our garden.

"Attracting Butterflies to your Garden has provided us with all the information necessary as it has plant lists for all the butterfly species in our region."

Butterfly Conservation SA has brought expert scientists, butterfly enthusiasts, gardeners and ecologists together to bring information about butterflies to the home gardener. Butterfly gardening is easily achievable in Adelaide gardens, no matter their size.

This is a delightful book for the gardener focussed on increasing biodiversity in their garden, packed with essential information about butterflies and detailed colour photos of these delightful visitors to our gardens. An inexpensive book, 'Attracting Butterflies to Your Garden' is highly recommended.

The 2nd edition of "*Attracting Butterflies to your Garden*" is available from Butterfly Conservation SA through its website <u>www.butterflyconservationsa.net.au</u> or at all good bookstores.

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Attached cover of *Attracting Butterflies to your Garden and* photo of the Wood White (*Delias aganippe*) male butterfly. Photographer: Lindsay Hunt reproduced with permission.

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