Host Plants for Common Front Range Butterflies and Moths

Black Swallowtail -Dill and other members of the carrot family (Apiaceae)

Two-tailed Tiger Swallowtail – Various cherries (Prunus sp.) and ash (Fraxinus sp.)

Mourning Cloak – Many broadleaf deciduous plants: willow (Salix sp.), elm (Ulnus sp.), hackberry (Celtis sp.) and cottonwood (Populus sp.)

Painted Lady - Thistle (Cirsium sp.), many composites (Asteraceae) and mallows (Malvaceae)

Colorado Hairstreak – Gambel oak (*Quercus gambelii*). Eggs are found on bark and caterpillars have been reared on leaves.

Orange-bordered Blue/ Melissa Blue – Lupine (*Lupinus* sp.), alfalfa (*Medicago sativa*), and wild licorice (*Glycyrrhiza* sp.)

Colorado Alpine – Grasses (Poaceae) and sedges (Cyperaceae)

Weidemeyer's Admiral – Willows (Salix sp.) and cottonwood (Populus sp.)

Cabbage White - Crucifers (Brassicaceae) and nasturtiums (Tropaeolum majus)

Checkered White - Crucifers (Brassicaceae) and Rocky Mountain bee plant (Cleome serrulata)

Monarch - Milkweed (Asclepias sp.) and dogbane (Apocynum sp.)

Red Admiral - Nettles (Urtica sp.) and hops (Humulus sp.)

Checkered Skipper – Plants in the mallow family (Malvaceae), such as hollyhocks (Alcea sp.) and cowboy's delight (Sphaeralcea sp.)

Silver Spotted Skipper – Legumes (Fabaceae), such as locusts (*Gleditsia*, *Robinia*) and licorice (*Glycyrrhiza* sp.)

Orange Sulphur – Legumes such as golden banner (*Thermopsis* sp.), milkvetch (*Astragalus*), wild pea (*Lathyrus*), locoweed (*Oxytropsis* sp.) and lupine (*Lupinus* sp.)

Edward's Fritillary – Violets (Viola sp.)

Variegated Fritillary – Violets and pansies (Viola sp.), flax (Linum sp., stonecrop (Sedum sp.) and plantain (Plantago sp.)

Hummingbird Moth – Honeysuckle (Lonicera sp.)

Tomato Hornworm Moth – Plants in the nightshade family (Solanaceae), such as tomato and tobacco

White-lined Sphinx Moth – Wild buckwheat (*Eriogonum* sp.), chickweed, evening primrose, purslane, as well as apple, pear and plum trees

Polyphemus Moth – Many broad-leaved trees and shrubs, especially apple (*Malus* sp.) and dogwood (*Cornus* sp.)