

## Express News Gardening Tasks

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- To attract more butterflies, make a “puddling site” by wetting a muddy depression every day. The butterflies will seek the minerals at the edge of the puddle for easy observation.
- Root suckers emerge from the root systems of many live oak trees, especially in our shallow soils. The only option for the sprouts is to cut them with the lawn mower or string mower. Herbicides are not an option because of the link to the desirable parent tree.
- The decline or fading experienced by some winter lawns is due to the decline of winter grass weeds such as rescue grass or annual bluegrass. The permanent St Augustine, Zoysia and Bermuda grass should emerge to assume summer dominance. Fertilize the permanent lawn grass with a slow release fertilizer such as 19-5-9.
- If you have leaf-footed bugs or other stink bugs on you peaches or tomatoes, you may have to use malathion to control them. They are large, mobile and difficult to control. Follow label instructions.