

Express News Gardening Tasks

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- As the summer progresses butterfly populations increase to enjoy more species and individuals include zinnias, mistflower, milkweed, lantana, salvias, porter weed, Mexican flame vine, duranta, and other nectar sources in your landscape.
- Control fire ants with baits such as Amdro and mound treatments such as acephate. Some spinosad products are labeled for use in the vegetable garden. Follow label instructions.
- The hot dry weather makes it important to provide water for birds and other wildlife. Birdbaths work well and are easy to use in terms of rinsing and refilling and to observe the many birds that will use the water.
- It is not too late to plant “Gold Star” esperanza, thyrallis, poinciana, firebush, and vinca for summer color in full sun. Use penta in the shade.