

A Garden for Butterflies

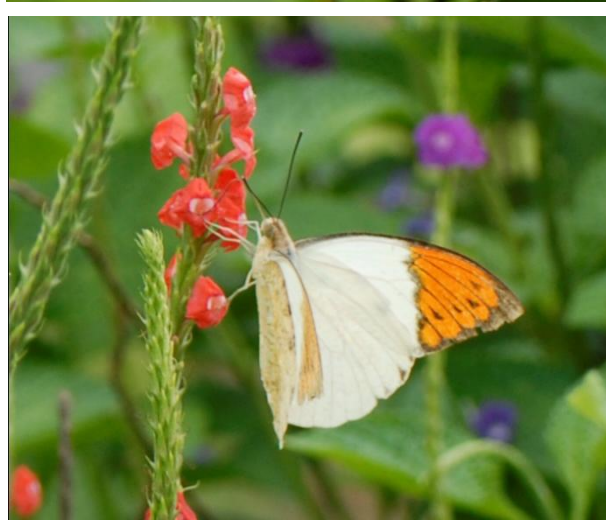
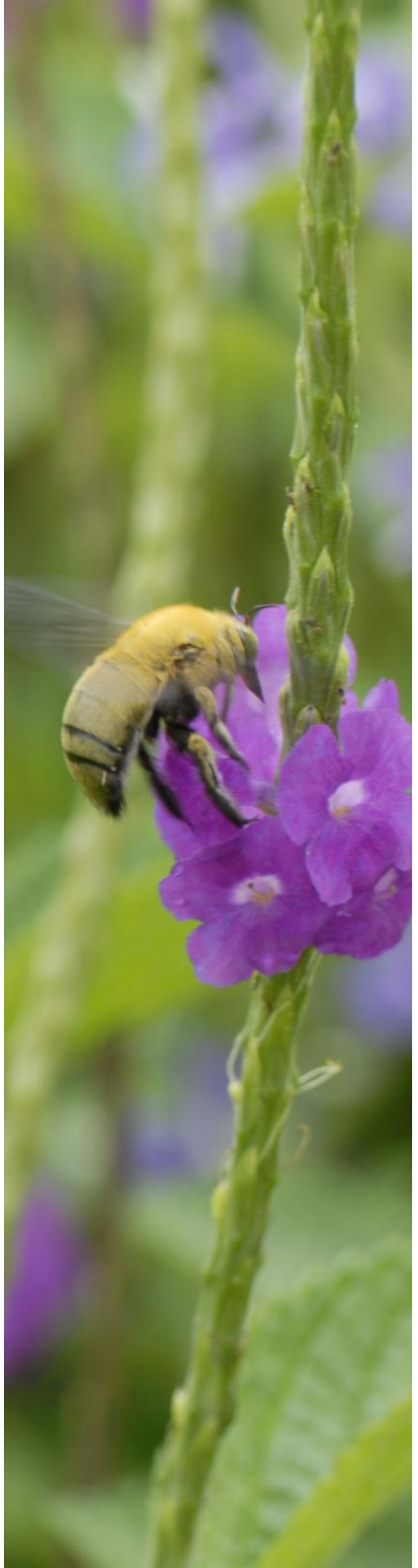


A Garden for Butterflies

An exclusive garden for butterflies has recently been established in the Tarapur Maharashtra Site. The garden is located inside the exclusion zone, between main gate and guard house, of Tarapur Atomic Power Station – 3&4.

This beautiful garden harbours more than 2800 plants of 64 species, both nectar and host plants that can attract a variety of butterflies. Colourful flowering plants, creepers, short plants, bushes, grasses and shrubs constitute this open garden which is of 1690 sq.m in size.





The idea of establishing butterfly garden is to create an ecosystem that can attract butterflies and other forms of life. The plants which butterflies depend upon are planted in this garden and the complete life cycle of butterflies take place here.

A number of handsome butterflies can be seen in this garden throughout the year. A huge number of butterflies, however, are expected here between September and February which is the peak season for butterflies. As per the result of a survey conducted recently in this garden, more than 30 species of butterflies are found here.

The butterfly garden of TAPS is second of its type setup by NPCIL under its Environment Stewardship Programme (ESP). Similar garden for butterflies has already been established in the exclusion zone of Kakrapar Atomic Power Station -1&2 in the year 2009. These gardens evidence the harmony of nuclear power with nature.