

## Butterfly Garden



In the campus of St. Gregorios College, Kottarakara, a butterfly garden is maintained by the Department of Zoology. The garden has many butterfly host plants that help butterflies to maintain their life cycle. The students of Zoology association take care of the plants. The students spend their leisure time in maintaining the garden and observing the different species of butterflies visiting the garden. They conduct routine field visits to observe and identify the different species of butterflies coming to the garden. The garden has more than 50 varieties of plants. Major host plants in garden include Lentanum, Hibiscus, Jasmine, Pagoda plant, Fire lily, Ixora, Cape jasmine, Cosmos, Asterplants, Bougainvillea, Star flower, Violet jasmine, Pentas, Rosida, Mosantha, Arali, Rangoon creeper, Melastoma, Rose etc. About 29 species of butterflies has been observed and identified from the garden.







