

Monarch Butterfly Resources

Monarchs and other pollinators are essential to healthy flowers, lawns, trees, gardens and landscaping, as well as crops and farmland

Website listings are alphabetical:

Be A Friend To Pollinators, <https://bit.ly/2JzKx6O>. Gardeners, farmers and others can do their part to help pollinators like butterflies and bees. The USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service sponsors this site.

Bee and Butterfly Habitat Fund, The, <https://beeandbutterflyfund.org/>. Dozens of links to pollination topics and videos, monarchs and related sites.

Bring Back The Monarchs, <https://bit.ly/2JtmRRf>. On October 1, this group accepts requests for free milkweed seeds from schools and similar non-profits; costs are only for shipping. Apply at <https://bit.ly/2JtmRRf>. About 25 milkweed varieties are common to the United States. See and learn about them at <https://bit.ly/2HG0IA4>.

Butterflies and Moths of North America, <https://www.butterfliesandmoths.org/>. A site dedicated to collecting and reporting sightings of butterflies and more. Find the monarch reportage page, where about 16,000 others already have stepped up, at <https://bit.ly/2XyNN7o>. Get your smartphones out and sharpen your photo skills!

Butterfly Gardening, <https://bit.ly/2xzrfbV>, <https://bit.ly/2XQARxK> and <https://bit.ly/30kjhHK>. A concise look at the basics of butterfly gardens and how to create them. Enjoy these offerings from The National Gardening Association Learning Library at <https://garden.org/learn/>.

Butterfly Heroes™, <https://www.nwf.org/butterfly-heroes>. Gardening, families, classrooms and communities are served here. Learn to attract birds and butterflies via the blog at <https://bit.ly/2JkAaov>.

Butterfly Site, The, <https://www.thebutterflysite.com/>. A massive resource, with more than 125 online pages packed with facts and ideas on your delicate, vibrantly colorful winged friends. A wealth of butterfly arts and crafts activities for youngsters is a welcome surprise. Scores of links to everything butterfly — including international sites — are sure to satisfy.

Butterfly Watching, <https://bit.ly/2FVbtgg>. Before you get too involved, you might want to read this recent, introductory article in Popular Science magazine on the basics of butterfly watching.

Children's Butterfly Site, The, <https://www.kidsbutterfly.org/photographs>. Solid website for the younger butterfly fan. Lots of butterfly photos submitted from around the world; downloadable coloring projects; education materials for parents to employ; and much more to excite budding nature enthusiasts. Huge Q&A section covers butterfly Appearance, Behavior, Life Cycle, Catching and Handling; and General.

Cincinnati Zoo's Best Plants for Pollinators, <https://bit.ly/2NCxx5C>. Best plants for pollinators, from The Cincinnati Zoo & Botanical Garden®. Includes annuals, perennials and shrubs, aided by butterflies, bees and hummingbirds.

Forests For Monarchs, <https://www.forestsformonarchs.org/>. Joint Mexico-United States effort to help forest habitats for monarch overwintering, protection and reforestation. In English.

Garden for Wildlife™, <https://www.nwf.org/Garden-for-Wildlife>. At this site from the National Wildlife Federation, you'll learn about promoting butterflies, habitat and native plants. The organization's several publications include *Ranger Rick*®, *Ranger Rick Jr.*™, *National Wildlife*® and others, for youth of all ages.

Honeybee Conservancy, The, <https://thehoneybeeconservancy.org/>. A range of worthy linked sites and solid education help for science and the environment make this destination a winner. STEM materials and curriculum and lesson plans are here for teachers and parents.

Journey North, <https://journeynorth.org/>. Tracking and reporting the migration of monarchs, hummingbirds and other mainstays of nature and pollination generate appeal. Daily reports from contributors across North America provide a fresh look at the status of migration year-'round.

Kids Gardening, <https://kidsgardening.org/>. Gardening and pollination topics, and tons of educator resources, make this a standout. For whom? Students, school staff, parents, guardians and other caregivers, too.

Local districts. Do an online search on butterflies, pollination and related interests hosted in parks, gardens, arboretums and nature preserves that your community, county and state jurisdictions operate. Summer (and other) classes often are available for various age groups. For additional help, contact your local public library.

Migration and Overwintering, <https://bit.ly/2RERu8A>. Information, maps and a poster on monarchs and their migration in North America are here. The sponsor is the U.S. Forest Service.

Milkweed, <https://bit.ly/2S1qdiw> and <https://bit.ly/2LEQ1Q9>. A milkweed and butterfly fan, gardener and retailer in Pennsylvania offers insights into milkweed plants and the world of monarchs and this plant-and-insect enthusiast's related passions.

Million Pollinator Garden Challenge, <https://garden.org/pollinators> and <http://millionpollinatorgardens.org/>. A nationwide call to create, promote and preserve gardens and landscapes to help revive the health of bees, butterflies, birds, bats and other pollinators is the goal here. Monarchs are a key to success.

Monarch Butterflies - Egg to Butterfly, <https://bit.ly/2L99ZDc>. From Instructables Living, this site illustrates the 12-stage life of monarch butterflies. Numerous illustrations improve site effectiveness and education impact.

Monarch Butterflies, <https://bit.ly/2mU9tLO>. This site is all about how gardeners, farmers, hobbyists and pollinators can help. The USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service sponsors this destination.

Monarch Butterfly, <https://www.monarch-butterfly.com/>. From Learning About Nature, this comprehensive site has a fine array of monarch information. Lots of butterfly line art to download and print, for coloring with pencils, crayons and paintbrushes, adds appeal.

Monarch Butterfly, The, <https://bit.ly/2ND36fy>. The younger set will love the guidance here — from projects and scientific information to butterfly jigsaw puzzles and coloring pages. This website is from KidZone Animal Facts.

Monarch Butterfly Facts, <https://bit.ly/2NERA3c>. Here you'll find the A-to-Z of butterfly facts, from food, feeding and migration to school kits and life-cycles.

Monarch Butterfly Garden, <https://monarchbutterflygarden.net/>. This internet locale is dedicated to all gardeners with monarch and pollination interests.

Monarch Butterfly, North America's Migrating Insect, <https://bit.ly/2XA2bw2>. A colorful, concise and thorough 8-page brochure on monarchs is free. Download or view it online. The U.S. Forest Service compiled the document.

Monarch Joint Venture, <https://monarchjointventure.org/>. Valuable array of monarch news, covering nectar plants, migration, gardening, advocacy, materials for children and much more.

Monarch Lab, The, <https://monarchlab.org/>. From the University of Minnesota, issues here include biology, research, gardening, education, curriculum guides and other education materials, as well as larva monitoring and more. Find a related Facebook listing at <https://bit.ly/2NxzqAb>.

Monarch Mission, The, <https://bit.ly/2Xz7v7F>. Find lessons and learn of activities that are part of The Monarch Mission: Empowering Students to Improve Monarch Habitat. For pre-K-5, middle school and high school groupings. The site also is available in Spanish.

Monarch Science, <http://www.monarchscience.org/>. A blog about monarchs, written by a monarch scientist, for people who love monarchs, rewards visitors here. On Facebook, go to <https://bit.ly/2RXzIz8>.

Monarch Watch, <https://www.monarchwatch.org/>. This is dedicated to monarch education, research and conservation.

NABA Butterfly Garden and Habitat Program, <https://nababutterfly.com/>. This program from the North American Butterfly Association promotes the creation and maintenance of butterfly habitat. Regional guides are terrific helpmates, as with the one for Ohio, at <https://bit.ly/30m8dC5>. News on butterfly feeders, guides, plants, milkweeds and other essentials is valuable. Back issues of the authoritative *Butterfly Gardener* magazine are free downloads. Butterfly devotees who want official certification of their gardens can see the requirements — challenging, yet fun — at <https://bit.ly/2YEBCNF>.

National Wildlife Federation, The, <https://www.nwf.org/Garden-for-Wildlife>. A balance of life with habitats, native plants and butterflies working in harmony is key here. The Butterfly Heroes™ program is specific to monarchs. Also find outstanding advice for schools, homes, communities and other locales.

Pollinator Partnership, The, <https://www.pollinator.org/>. Enjoy a full-throttle look here with monarchs, bees and the realm of plant pollination. This is a tremendous resource to focus on pollination, for gardeners, farmers, conservationists, educators and students.

Pollinator Resources, <http://millionpollinatorgardens.org/resources/>. Dozens and dozens of linked resources provide a real draw. Topics embrace Educational Resource Online Collections, Educators, Curricula and Lessons, Plant Lists, School Garden Programs, Pollinator Citizen Science Programs, and Training and Education for Professionals.

Project *Apis m.*, <https://www.projectapism.org/>. The Project mission is to fund and direct research to enhance the health and vitality of honey bee colonies while improving crop production. *Apis mellifera* is the scientific name for the honey bee. The Seeds For Bees program and other outreach are plusses.

Save Our Monarchs Foundation, <https://www.saveourmonarchs.org/>. A full range of information, valuable resources for education and home efforts to save monarchs is here. The sponsor is a grassroots 501(c)3 non-profit organization of “gardeners who love butterflies.”

Save the Monarch Butterfly, <https://www.fws.gov/savethemonarch/>. A program from The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, this website promotes butterfly vitality. Terrific links are available, too, as with the conservation database at <https://bit.ly/3011Yi5>.

Savvy Gardening, <https://bit.ly/327OvvP>. Everything you need to know about growing milkweed plants, the favorite plant of monarch butterflies, is essential advice here.

Wikipedia, <https://bit.ly/2cQ74f7> (*monarchs*) and <https://bit.ly/2YCUHd9> (*monarch migration*). Here is a huge, thorough amount of information on monarchs and their migration cycle. Resource links are encyclopedic. Altogether, the two listings will keep you busy for weeks.

Xerces Society, <https://xerces.org/>. Dedicated to insect abundance, diversity and their benefits to society. Workshops, webinars, community science projects, conservation and pollination education, pesticide reduction, and other resources and strategies are here to help urban, suburban, and rural and agricultural settings alike.

YouTube, <https://bit.ly/2NCO21e>. Dozens of instructive and entertaining videos are available just by clicking the link here and selecting whatever butterfly listing/topic that appeals to you.

And, finally, something *s-w-e-e-t* everyone can do for butterflies and other pollinators: Support area honey retailers with local honey purchases.

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