



Take Action! To help the Monarch Butterfly

Missouri is important to the survival of the monarch butterfly as it is within the area known as the Corn Belt where high monarch migration and reproduction occurs. In their spring migration north monarchs disperse through the state to breed and continue the annual life cycle. For successful breeding to occur the monarchs need a reliable supply of milkweed. Later in the fall migration, monarchs travel back through Missouri as they head to their overwintering area in Mexico. To make this long journey south monarchs need nectar plants along the way to provide the energy for the long flight. Below are some ways you can help the monarch as they travel through our state.



Create Monarch Habitat

Our land is always changing and milkweed, the monarch's essential survival plant, has been reduced significantly from the landscape. Planting milkweed and other nectar plants is one way to help the monarch butterfly meet their habitat needs. Missouri is home of up to 15 different species of milkweed and numerous native nectar plants that monarchs can utilize. Planting milkweed and other nectar plants helps support monarch populations and is a great way to help pollinators as well.



Milkweed is vital for Monarch migration and reproduction

Start a Monarch Butterfly Garden

[Click here](#) to find out more about starting a monarch butterfly garden.

Track your Habitat through the [Monarch Joint Venture web site](#) and watch as Missouri's map becomes covered with butterflies.

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