

# Monarchs

## 1. Laying eggs



## 2. Larva or Caterpillar



*Video from Seney National Wildlife Refuge, MI*  
<http://on.fb.me/1xN8Vmx>

## 3. Pupa or Chrysalis



## 4. Adult



Monarch butterflies are found across the United States – but there are fewer and fewer of them every year. These graceful insects travel thousands of miles over many generations from Mexico, across the United States, to Canada. But the places they live and fly are threatened – especially by the loss of milkweed. When monarch butterflies lay their eggs in the spring, they need to place them in milkweed, which is also the only food source for monarch larvae. You can collect and grow milkweed seeds in your backyard or school garden. Every little bit helps!

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More about collecting and planting milkweed here - [www.fws.gov/refuges/news/MonarchButterfliesTrouble.html](http://www.fws.gov/refuges/news/MonarchButterfliesTrouble.html)

Five Super Stops on the Monarch Migration Trail - [www.fws.gov/refuges/news/FiveSuperStopsMonarchMigration.html](http://www.fws.gov/refuges/news/FiveSuperStopsMonarchMigration.html)

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Save the Monarch Butterfly – [www.fws.gov/savethemonarch/](http://www.fws.gov/savethemonarch/)

Monarch Joint Venture – [monarchjointventure.org](http://monarchjointventure.org)