



Service Projects for the Rosalynn Carter Butterfly Trail

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is partnering with the Rosalynn Carter Butterfly Trail to restore important habitat for the monarch butterfly. Together they will add 100 sites along the monarch's migration routes in the Southeast.



Monarch butterfly, credit Annette Wise

Florida

St. Marks National Wildlife Refuge has built a greenhouse with college volunteers and is propagating local milkweed for planting in schoolyard habitats. They also plan to create 10-15 new schoolyard habitats to create a coastal monarch trail.

Georgia

The Georgia Ecological Services Office is working with the Environmental Education Alliance and National Wildlife Federation to conduct monarch habitat restoration on 13 public sites and 10 Eco Schools. They also are partnering with Monarchs Across Georgia to conduct a monarch workshop for teachers in Plains, Georgia, the home of the Rosalynn Carter Butterfly Trail.

The Georgia Ecological Services Office is working with the Atlanta Botanical Garden to create a monarch demonstration site at Panola Mountain State Park and expand monarch habitat at Blue Heron Nature Preserve. They will also partner with Trees Atlanta, Georgia Department of Natural Resources, Coastal Ecoscapes and Greening Youth Foundation to propagate local milkweed and create monarch habitat in Atlanta and on the Georgia coast. Emory University; Monarchs, Milkweed and More, LLC; and Georgia Gwinnett College will be conducting monarch monitoring.

North Carolina

The Raleigh Ecological Services Office is collaborating with many partners including North Carolina Land Trust, Central Park North Carolina, North Carolina Coastal Federation, The Nature Conservancy, and Epiphany School of Global Studies to create and enhance monarch and other pollinator habitat, all with an educational component for school groups and the public. They are working with the North Carolina Botanical Garden to propagate native milkweed plants to create monarch habitat across North Carolina.

Piedmont Partners for Monarchs are distributing milkweed to various partners to be planted in existing fields, power lines, and edges.

The Asheville Ecological Services Office is collaborating with Monarch Watch to create monarch habitat on 20 school, business, and public community sites with educational signage. They will also be propagating milkweed plants for the sites and training teachers and volunteers for student projects including monarch tagging. Toe River Watershed Partnership is also an important contributor in these efforts.

Tennessee

The Tennessee Ecological Services Office has developed cooperative agreements with Cumberland and Morgan County Soil Conservation Districts and with Clinch Powell Resources Conservation and Development Council to propagate milkweed and plant pollinator gardens to provide monarch habitat, education, and outreach on 16 school sites. So far this year, over 1,400 students have planted 25,000 milkweed plugs at 10 schools in Morgan and Cumberland Counties.

To join the trail go to www.jimmycarter.info/Carterbutterflytrail.htm.

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