

From Flower to Fluff

This time of year milkweed plants are forming seed pods. Left alone, these tear drop containers will turn brown and hard before eventually splitting open and releasing hundreds of seeds.

Each seed is attached to a sticky piece of fluff called coma which the wind will blow away from the parent plant. There, if conditions are right, the seed will grow into a new milkweed plant for future generations of monarchs to enjoy!



Each milkweed plant can grow several pods, each with a couple hundred seeds inside.

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Inside the pod, each seed is connected to a feather-light strand of coma.

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