

Life Cycle of a Monarch

4 days for a caterpillar to emerge from and egg

10-14 days as a caterpillar munching away on any type of Asclepias

10-14 days as a Chrysalis turning into a butterfly

2-5 weeks as a butterfly

However, the last generation (early fall), this generation can live up to 8 months as they travel back South and live.

Fun Facts about Monarchs

Monarchs migrate up to 2800 miles

Each season produces about four generations of monarchs

What you need to help Monarchs

Flat rocks in the sun for Monarchs to stop and rest

Course Sand in a shallow pan filled with water to stay moist to provide water and minerals

Host Plants – Where the Monarch lay their eggs and their babies can eat

Asclepias incarnate - Common Name: Swamp Milkweed

Asclepias syriaca - Common Name: Common Milkweed

Asclepias tuberosa - Common Name: Butterfly Milkweed

Nectar Plants – What Monarchs like to sip when they are butterflies

(this list is just a sample of what Monarch like to drink)

Ageratum

Lobularia Alyssum

Cleome

Coreopsis lanceolata Common Name: Lanceleaf Tickseed

Dianthus

Echinacea pallida Common Name: Pale Purple Coneflower

Eupatorium purpureum Common Name: Sweetscented Joe Pye

Helenium autumnale Common Name: Common Sneezeweed

Liatris spicata Common Name: Dense Blazing Star

Lantana

Salvia

Symphotrichum cordifolium Common Name: Common Blue Wood Aster

Symphotrichum lanceolatum Common Name: White Panicle Aster

Symphotrichum novae-angliae Common Name: New England Aster

Viburnum prunifolium Common Name: Blackhaw

Zinnia elegans Common Name: Zinnia

Zizia aurea Common Name: Golden Zizia

