



Help the Monarch Butterfly Survive and Thrive

In 2021, Mayor Kate Gallego joined the Mayor's Monarch pledge to support the monarch butterfly population. This much loved butterfly migrates through Phoenix and a few may even stay for the winter. But this key pollinator is under threat from habitat loss and pesticide use, experiencing population declines up to 99% over the last 25 years.

Working together, we can help the monarch butterfly Survive and Thrive!



How Can I Help?

- ✧ Plant native milkweed such as desert (rush) milkweed or Arizona milkweed
- ✧ Plant native nectar plants such as pink fairyduster, desert lavender, blackfoot daisy, and desert marigold
- ✧ Protect your monarch garden by avoiding the use of pesticides as much as possible
- ✧ Protect the flowers! Trim your monarch plants when the flowers aren't blooming

Did you know ?

- *Pollinators are critical for our Sonoran Desert and crop production*
- *Even one or two potted milkweed or nectar plants on an apartment balcony can help*
- *Monarch caterpillars only eat milkweed! Without this plant, this species cannot survive*

