



Monarch Butterflies in Winnetka

Facts

- The monarch butterfly is a North American species and is the only species of butterfly that makes a two-way migration similar to migratory birds, traveling nearly 3,000 miles!
- Monarchs know when it is time to travel south by using environmental cues, such as the length of daylight, temperature changes, and reduced milkweed availability.
- Monarch caterpillars feed exclusively on milkweed plants, whereas adult monarchs feed on a variety of nectar producing plants!
- The monarch population is significantly declining as a result of habitat loss, climate change, and the use of pesticides on vital plants, such as milkweed.



MAYOR'S MONARCH PLEDGE

What is Winnetka Doing to Help?

- The Village of Winnetka has taken the initiative to join the National Wildlife Federation's Mayors' Monarch Pledge!
 - **This pledge is a commitment to create healthy, sustainable habitats for the monarch butterfly and pollinators!**
- In taking the pledge, the Village of Winnetka will:
 - a. Adopt a Proclamation regarding monarch decline.
 - b. Plant and maintain a monarch and pollinator-friendly demonstration garden.
 - c. Integrate monarch butterfly conservation into the Village's plans.

Winnetka's Butterfly Garden

- To attract monarchs to our garden, we will be adding the following features:
 1. **MILKWEED, MILKWEED, MILKWEED!**
Milkweed is a critical food source for larvae!
 2. **Rocks for basking in the sun!**
Monarchs are cold-blooded and need the heat to control their body temperatures.
 3. **A water element.**
This is how monarchs will obtain water and minerals through a process known as "puddling"!
 4. **Include various nectar producing plants with differing bloom periods.**
Monarchs need a constant supply of food, just as we do!

