

# Monarch Butterflies are Dying

As we begin the winter months, many of you think of the holidays coming but I'm thinking of what the monarch butterflies are going through. This is the time of year that they are flying to or have already reached Mexico or the California coast to spend the winter. It's not to bask on a beach. The ones from the Eastern states and Midwest go to Mexico to hibernate in the mountains. The ones from the Western states fly to the coast of California to hibernate in trees.

They are the strongest and most courageous creature to be able to fly up to 2,800 miles to Mexico which is a place they have never been to before. It is amazing how they know to navigate to get there to the same spot their ancestors spent the winters before them.

The sad news is that they are dying due to the habitat being destroyed and they need your help. You may wonder why you should care about a bunch of butterflies. Well, it depends on how much you like food! Without enough butterflies, much of our food supply will also die.

Butterflies play a large part in pollinating just like the bees. Due to the growth of industrial business and agriculture, the milkweed plants are being killed which is causing the butterflies not to have enough plants to lay their eggs since the monarchs will only lay eggs on the milkweed plant. The chemicals used for GMO plants is also killing the habitat.

You can read more about this dilemma in one of my books on butterflies that are on Amazon, but this is not on trying to sell books. It is on my concern as a monarch butterfly advocate. Besides, I rather like fruits and vegetables and do not want them to go away or be so high priced that I cannot afford them.

That's where the Monarch Watch comes in. They are a nonprofit educational outreach program based at the University of Kansas that focuses on the monarch butterfly, its habitat, and its spectacular fall migration. They do amazing work of having students or anyone else catch monarch butterflies and tag them with a small sticker so they can track them. You can read about it at <https://monarchwatch.org/tagmig/index.htm>

I would really appreciate anything you can donate to help Monarch Watch rebuild their habitat by sending milkweed seeds to people so they can grow the host plant for monarch females to lay eggs on the leaves of the milkweed plant. In fact, if you are interested in growing these plants in your garden or even on your patio, you can order them through Monarch Watch.

To donate, please click on this link to be taken to my Facebook account:

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The monarch and I thank you very much!

**Monarchs need our  
help. They give us  
so much.**

**They  
help our  
food grow.**

