

Plant a Monarch Garden Today!

If you're thinking about growing a monarch butterfly garden, this is the year to started, the future of the monarch migration could depend on it!

According to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the number of monarchs has dropped from a billion in their heyday to about 33 million in 2014 – or more than 80 percent since the mid-1990s! And this year's over-wintering Eastern Monarch population showed a 27% decrease compared to last year's numbers, reported Monarch Joint Venture.



Great Monarch Resources

- The Monarch Gardener
themonarchgardener.com
- Monarch Watch
monarchwatch.org
- Monarch Joint Venture
monarchjointventure.org
- Journey North
learner.org/jnorth/monarchs
- The Xerces Society
xerces.org/monarchs/
- Monarch Butterfly Garden
monarchbutterflygarden.net
- US Fish & Wildlife Service – Save the Monarch
fws.gov/savethemonarch
- Rose Franklin's Perennials Monarchs-And-Milkweed.com

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What can you do?

- Plant milkweed for caterpillars
- Plant native plants and nectar resources for adult butterflies
- Don't use pesticides or plants raised with pesticides
- Join a monarch citizen science project
- Contribute to conservation in other ways



Milkweeds (Clockwise from top left)

- Butterfly weed, *Asclepias tuberosa*
- Common Milkweed, *Asclepias syriaca*
- Swamp milkweed, *Asclepias incarnata*
- Tropical milkweed, *Asclepias curassavica*
- Whorled Milkweed, *Asclepias verticillata*



Favorite Nectar Sources

(Right - Clockwise from top left)

- Blanket flower, *Gaillardia sp.*
- Blazing Star or Gayfeather, *Liatris spicata*
- Joe-Pye Weed, *Eupatorium maculatum*
- New England Aster, *Aster novae-angliae*
- New Jersey Tea, *Ceanothus americanus*
- Ox-eye Sunflower, *Heliopsis helianthoides*
- Summer Phlox, *Phlox paniculata*
- Sweet Pepper Bush, *Clethra alnifolia*
- Tickseed, *Coreopsis lanceolata*
- Yarrow, *Achillea millefolium*
- Zinnias (Annual)



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