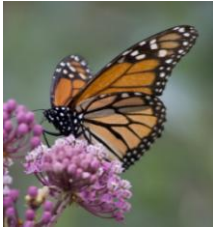


Help Save Monarch Butterflies in Your Yard



One of Ohio's favorite pollinating butterflies, our orange and black Monarch, may disappear due to rapid loss of habitat.

You can help save Monarchs by planting beautiful plants to create their habitat in your own garden!

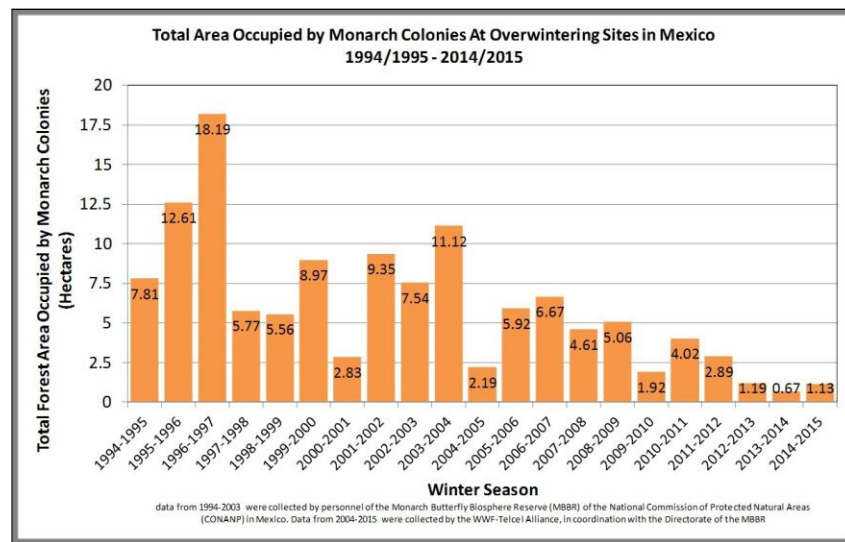
This winter's Monarch population count was the second lowest recorded.

Experts think 2015 could be the Monarchs' last migration, meaning they would disappear from Ohio.

The Monarch Caterpillar can eat only pesticide-free, native Milkweed.

Ninety percent of the Monarchs' summer homes have been in US farmlands per Monarch Watch (click on Monarch Waystation Program at www.monarchwatch.org/).

Corn and soybean seeds have been genetically modified to make the crops resistant to pesticides. This modification allows farmers to spray their entire farmland to kill all other plants, including the Monarch habitat.



Your invaluable garden can help save Monarchs! Each Monarch's survival depends on anything from a large piece of land to a postage-size garden in the city. Plant 10 *Native* Milkweed plants (i.e. Common, Marsh/Swamp or Butterfly Weed, but not non-native Tropical Milkweed) and summer and late-blooming nectar plants without pesticides (i.e. insecticides, weed killers).

For more information, see www.backyardhabitat.info under the "How Do I Do This?" tab for *Attract Butterflies* and *Native Plant Sources*. Page down through www.plantmilkweed.org/. Water Milkweeds so leaves stay tender for Monarch caterpillars to chew.

It works! Watch this short YouTube video <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=maJiosDkhGo> of a Columbus city yard to see Monarchs mating in a tree toward the end of the video. Please spread the word to create a no-spray, no-mow Monarch Trail. We created Bluebird Trails to save Bluebirds, so why not a Monarch Trail to save Monarchs?

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