

What is a Monarch Waystation?

A waystation is a garden providing everything a monarch needs to complete its life cycle from egg to butterfly.

Planting waystations is a critical part of the monarch recovery plan written by Monarch Joint Venture. Scientists are calling for 1 – 1.5 billion new stems of milkweed to protect eastern monarchs. Your garden can help reach that goal.

What do monarchs need most?

You.



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Sources for Monarch Garden Plants

(Call ahead first as milkweed plants may sell out.)

Forest Preserve of DuPage County

Native Plant Sale

May 12 and 13

Mayslake Peabody Estate in Oak Brook

dupageforest.org/nativeplantsale

The Growing Place

25W471 Plank Rd, Naperville, IL 60563

(630) 355-4000

Midwest Ground Covers

6N800 IL-25, St Charles, IL 60174

(847) 742-1790

Natural Communities Online Native Plant and Native Seeds

<https://naturalcommunities.net/>

Pioneer Garden and Feed Inc

118 S Villa Ave, Villa Park, IL 60181

(630) 832-0815

Planter's Palette

28W571 Roosevelt Rd, Winfield, IL 60190

(630) 293-1040

Prairie Moon Nursery

(Mail Order)

<https://www.prairiemoon.com/>

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Wheaton Native Plant Sale

<http://wheatonparkdistrict.com/events/native-plant-sale/>

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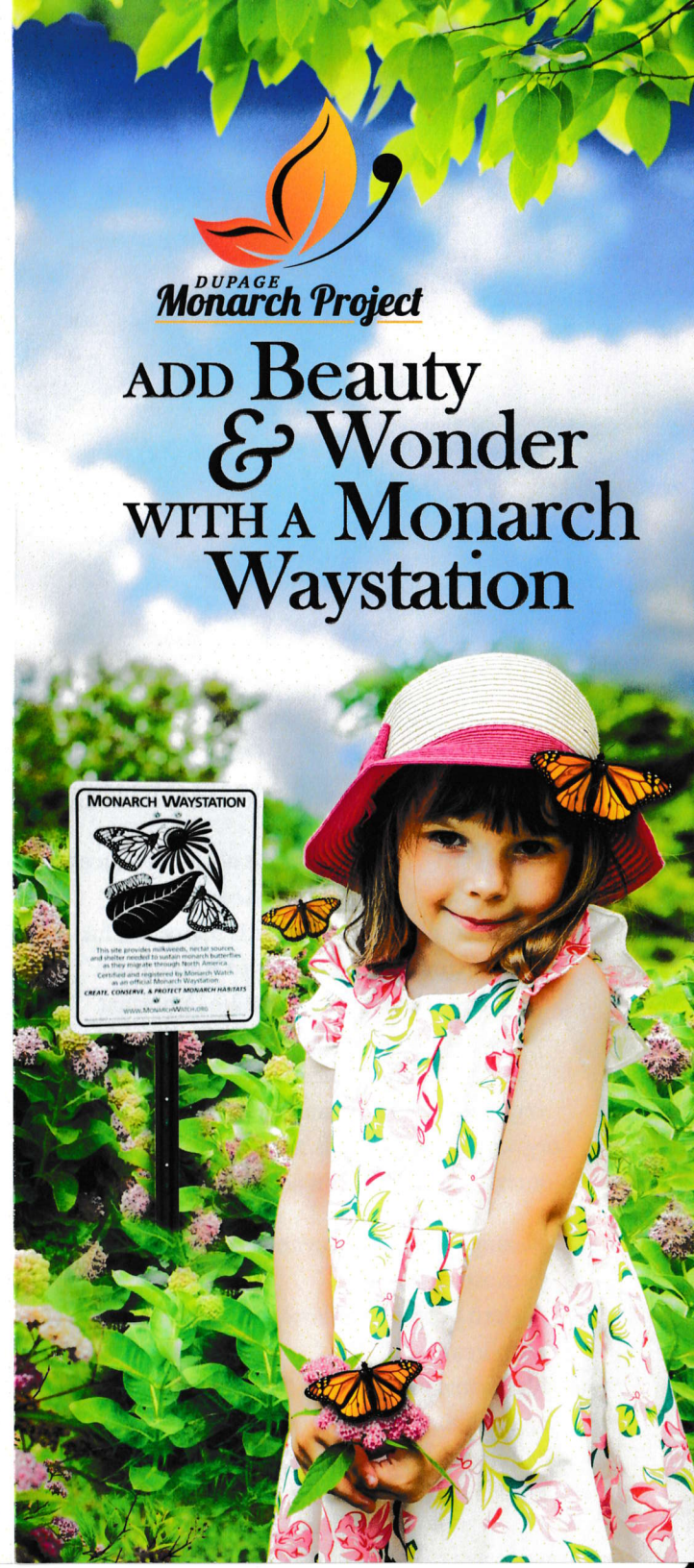
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Food for Butterflies

Butterflies eat nectar produced by flowers. Having plenty of plants with nectar is important for attracting butterflies to your garden and fall blooming ones are important for refueling monarchs on their migration south. The full guide of nectar plants for our region can be found at: http://www.xerces.org/wpcontent/uploads/2016/10/Midwest_Monarch_Plant_List_spread.pdf

- Blazing stars (*Liatris cylindrica*, *aspera*, *pycnostachya*)
- Eastern purple coneflower, (*Echinacea purpurea*)
- Blacksamson echinacea (*Echinacea angustifolia*)
- Milkweeds (*Asclepias incarnata*, *tuberosa*)
- Black eyed susan (*Rudbeckia hirta*)

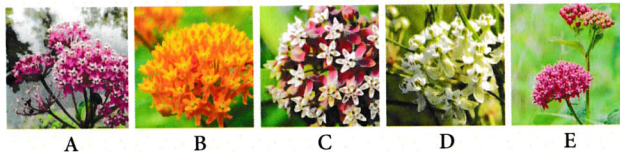
Food for Butterflies continued...

- Wild bergamot (*Monarda fistulosa*)
- New England aster (*Symphotrichum novae-angliae*)

Food for Caterpillars

Monarch caterpillars only eat the leaves of one type of plant - milkweed. The native milkweed species that are typically available at local garden stores are

- Swamp milkweed (*Asclepias incarnata*) - A
- Butterfly weed (*Asclepias tuberosa*) - B
- Common milkweed (*Asclepias syriaca*) - C
- Whorled milkweed (*Asclepias verticillata*) - D
- Prairie milkweed (*Asclepias sullivantii*) - E



Tips

- Plant at least 10 milkweed, preferably two or more species to provide enough food for hungry caterpillars.
- Select plants that are suitable for your garden conditions. Milkweed requires full sun, swamp milkweed likes medium moist to moist soils while butterfly weed prefers drier, loose soil. It does not thrive in heavy clay.

- An informal garden style provides nooks and crannies to shelter growing caterpillars.
- Butterflies prefer roosting out of the wind.
- Dense plantings will reduce the amount of weeding required after the garden is established. Chip Taylor of Monarch Watch recommends one plant per square foot.
- Monarch Watch recommends a minimum of 100 square foot for a monarch garden. It may be broken up into two or more locations to suit your site.
- Water may be provided with a puddling spot or shallow birdbath.
- Avoid using pesticides during the monarch breeding season and if possible go organic year round.

Sources for Monarch garden plants can be found on the back panel.