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Milkweed for Monarchs

HB685 (Rep. Moeller) (Sen. Bush)

The Monarch butterfly is in trouble.

Over the last 20 years Monarchs have seen a precipitous 80 to 90 percent decline in population due to threats, including climate change, pesticide use and habitat loss. They are now in the process of being considered for protection under the Endangered Species Act.



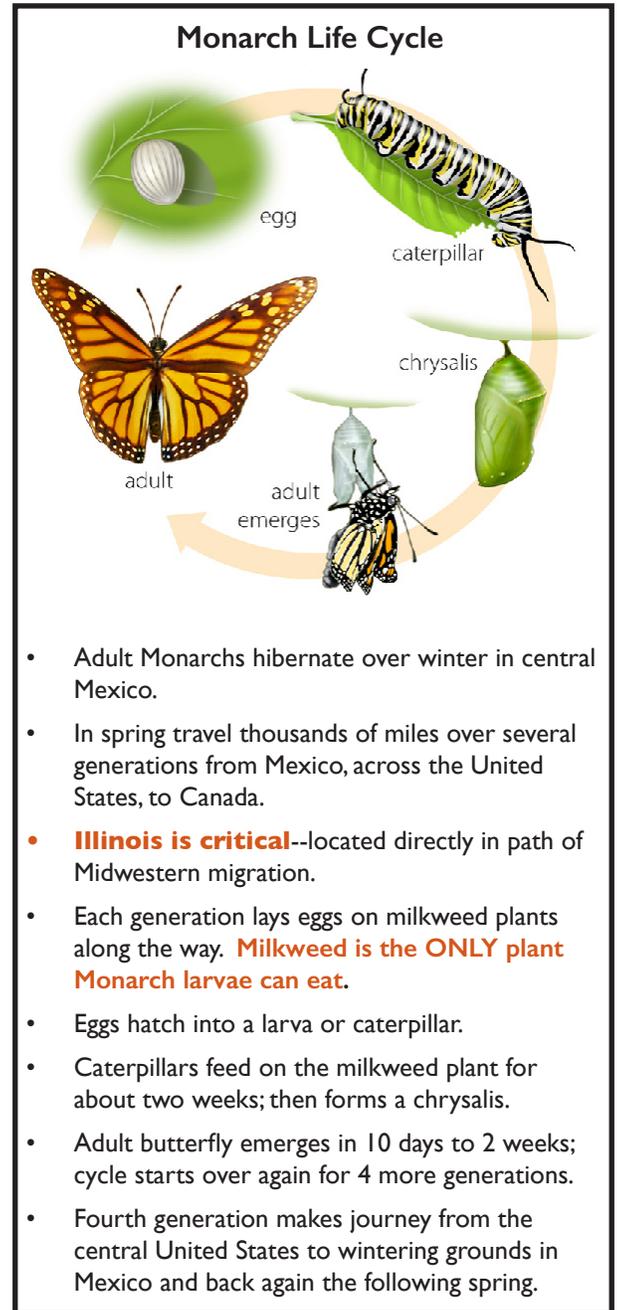
Unless we act now to help the Monarch, this amazing animal could disappear in our lifetime.



Monarchs cannot survive without milkweed native to Illinois. With over 80% of people living in urban areas there is an unprecedented opportunity for home owners and urban land managers to help conservation efforts for Monarchs by planting milkweed in butterfly gardens.



Unfortunately, many municipalities across Illinois list milkweed as a noxious weed, meaning citizens are not allowed to plant it in their gardens. Planting milkweed is a great way to help other pollinators, too, as milkweed provides nectar resources for a diverse suite of bees and butterflies. **HB685 will remove native milkweed from municipal noxious weed lists.**



SUPPORT
HB685
to remove native milkweed from
noxious weed lists

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