Monarch butterflies need your help!

Support the Sierra Club Iowa Chapter to protect Monarch butterflies.

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Iowa is a crucial part of the Monarch life cycle that stretches from Canada to Mexico.

Once found across Iowa each spring, summer and fall, the Monarch butterfly has experienced a 90 percent decline in its population. In the 1990’s an estimated one billion Monarch butterflies migrated from Canada and the northern plains of the United States to wintering grounds in Mexico; an additional million Monarchs overwintered in California.

Obviously the population is facing serious challenges and its existence is imperiled. Reasons for the decline include the loss of milkweed which the Monarchs need for laying eggs and for food, logging at its overwintering sites in Mexico, and extreme weather and climate change.

**With your financial support, Sierra Club’s Iowa Chapter will advocate for their protection.**
You can help protect the Monarch butterflies.

In order for the Monarch butterflies to maintain and expand their population, we will have to help them. Things you can do include:

- Raising milkweed in your garden. Many varieties of milkweed are native to Iowa. The common milkweed is a favorite of the Monarchs
- Planting a variety of native plants in your yard and garden. Monarchs need nectar throughout the spring, summer, and fall
- Reducing or eliminating the use of herbicides and insecticides on your property
- Advocating that County Engineer and secondary road crew include planting milkweed as part of your county’s Roadside Vegetation Management plan

Protecting Iowa’s Wild lands, Wildlife, and Wild rivers

Our efforts to protect the Monarch butterflies are part of a larger commitment to ensure that Iowa’s wild lands, wildlife and wild rivers are protected and preserved including:

- Advocating for a 3/8 cent sales tax to fund natural resources and outdoor recreation
- Promoting full funding of Resource Enhancement and Protection (REAP) at $20 million, which funds conservation and protection of natural areas
- Supporting sustainable hunting of wildlife, including turtles, bobcats and river otters
- Requiring rules that regulate pollution, such as nitrates and phosphorus
- Advocating for wetland and stream bank restoration

We need you!

Your investment in our work will help make it happen. Please donate to Sierra Club’s Iowa Chapter today. Remember that 100% of your gift stays in Iowa for our local work.

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