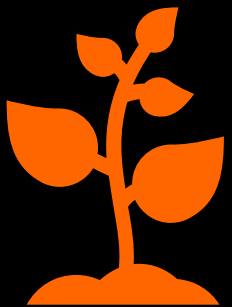


Monarchs are Illinois' state butterfly. What do you know about Monarchs?



Sketch a Monarch and then write as many things as you can think of about these butterflies in the time allotted.





monarch (*Danaus plexippus*) [male]

More info

<https://www.monarchwatch.org/>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TS8Hf0Gsgf8>

<https://www.nps.gov/subjects/pollinators/migratingmonarchs.htm>

- Monarchs can be seen in open weedy areas, roadsides, pastures, marshes, backyards.
- One to 3 broods are raised during the warm seasons. This migratory insect overwinters in central Mexico or rarely in the U.S. along the coasts of the southern Atlantic Ocean or the Gulf of Mexico. The monarchs that return in the spring are not the ones that migrated south but are their offspring.
- The larva eats milkweeds. Some of these plants contain toxins that build up in the larva's body & remain in the adult. If the toxins are present, they make the adult & larva distasteful to predators. Search for monarch caterpillar(larva) images.
- <https://dnr.illinois.gov/education/wildaboutpages/wildaboutinvertebrates/wildaboutbutterflies/family-nymphalidae/wambmonarch.html>