



Monarch Butterfly, Bryce McQuillan

MONARCH BUTTERFLY

(DANAUS PLEXIPPUS)

Get out into your backyard and look for a monarch butterfly! Please don't touch or try to catch them, they have a job to do!

- Monarch butterfly caterpillars have bright yellow and black stripes. They are fussy and will only eat certain types of leaves. You can find them in your garden eating swan plants.
- Monarch butterflies eat nectar and you may be able to attract them by putting out fruit or a sugar solution.
- They will be attracted to flowers in your backyard. When they look for nectar they act as pollinators at the same time.

Tips on observing them:

- Monarch butterflies are easy to find in your backyard during spring and summer. They like warm, sunny days and it is easy to spot them by their distinct black and orange colouring.
- They are attracted to swan plants and may settle there to lay their eggs.
- If you keep an eye on the swan plant you may see caterpillars emerge from the eggs and eat the plant.