



Every species is prone to predators. Though we may have our favorites that we'd like to protect, we cannot save one over the expense of another. Monarch butterflies are no exception.



Arachnids - Spiders

Spiders (Araneae) may seem like a scary insect, but are actually useful to most ecosystems. Unluckily for Monarchs, they are a predator. Often times the spider itself can be the predator, but a lurking danger for Monarchs is actually the web of the spiders. Old or new webs act as a net for the monarchs. This can lead to a tasty snack for the spiders later, or the monarch will remain stuck in the web, exposed to the elements and eventually running out of resources to sustain itself.



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