

Additional Resources

International Organizations:

Commission for Environmental Cooperation

"International collaboration between Canada, Mexico and the United States on environmental issues of common interest" You can visit them to learn more at: www.cec.org

National Organizations:

Okies for Monarchs

"An initiative of the Oklahoma Monarch & Pollinator Collaborative, a statewide group of 40+ organizations and citizens working together to ensure thriving Monarch migrations for generations to come." You can visit them to learn more at: www.okiesformonarchs.org

Monarch Joint Venture

"A nonprofit organization building a national partnership of federal and state agencies, other nonprofits, community groups, businesses, and academic programs working together to conserve monarch butterflies and other pollinators." You can visit them to learn more at: www.monarchjointventure.org

North American Monarch Institute

"A partnership between the US Forest Service International Programs, Monarch Joint Venture, and the University of Wisconsin - Madison Arboretum. It brings together teachers, non-formal science educators, and scientists to study monarchs and build lasting collaborations along the monarchs' migration flyway route to Mexico" You can visit them to learn more at: www.monarchjointventure.org/mjvprograms/education/north-american-monarch-institute

Ohio Pollinator Habitat Initiative

"Our mission is to improve and create pollinator habitat in the state of Ohio, as well as raise awareness for all Ohians regarding the importance of pollinators." You can visit them to learn at: www.ophi.info

Wisconsin Monarch Collaborative

"A consortium of organizations and individuals across Wisconsin dedicated to conserving the monarch butterfly." You can visit them to learn more at: www.wiatri.net/Projects/Monarchs

Western Monarch Working Group

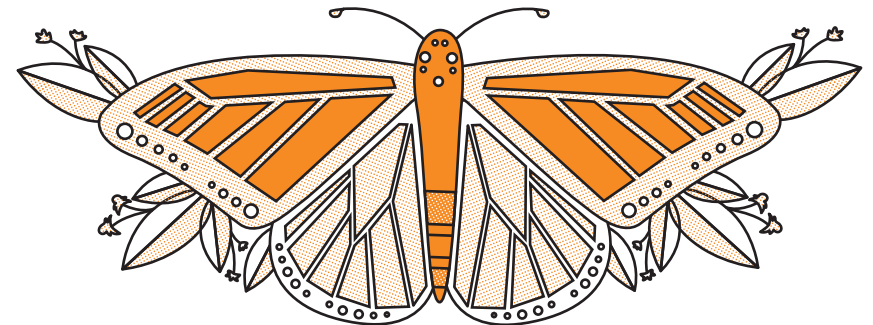
Established by the Western Association of Fish & Wildlife Agencies "To identify and promote unified, ecosystem-based management approaches at the landscape-level for the western population of the monarch butterfly (*Danaus plexippus plexippus*), and pollinators in general, across all partner agencies and interested partners." You can visit them to learn more at: www.wafwa.org/committees-working-groups/monarch-working-group

Monarchs, Pollinators & Social Justice



To begin, we honor the original stewards of this land. We acknowledge that Chicago is the ancestral homeland to the Council of the Three Fires: the Ojibwe, Odawa, and the Bodéwadmi, along with dozens of tribes who have cultivated and molded this land to sustainably suit their needs since time immemorial.

Chicago is and has always been an Indigenous landscape which continues to be home for over 75,000 Native Americans spanning from over 150 tribal nations. We state this acknowledgment to express gratitude for the land and its original and current land protectors; and to build our mindfulness of the long standing history of colonialism and our present participation.** As earth workers and environmental justice advocates, we must also acknowledge how conservationism and environmentalism are also rooted in colonial histories that have displaced and erased Indigenous peoples, Black people, Immigrants and folks that challenge a narrative that continues to be dominated by white supremacy. We also recognize that land acknowledgments cannot be empty statements; but must be made with a commitment to the redistribution of resources, wealth, and land back to Native peoples, and support for reparations for those whose exploited labor built the wealth so few enjoy.



Monarch Kit Contents



Seed Packets

Native seeds such as Milkweed and Coneflower are great examples of pollinators for Monarchs. By planting them around where you live or in your community, it will help feed, attract and sustain monarchs!



Stickers

A fun way to show your support and advocacy for monarchs through the Heritage Garden's own "Monarch & Migration is Preservation" stickers!



Informational Cards

A glimpse into the basics of "What are Monarchs?" and their importance to their surrounding ecosystems: (3) Biology, (3) Plant, and (3) Pests & Predators Cards



UIC Heritage Garden Zine

Interns at the Heritage Garden self-published print-work that represents various cultural & communal ties with Monarch Butterflies. You can decorate it, hang it up or share it!



Historias Monarcas (Monarch Stories)

A collection of stories from various Mexican communities around Chicago that illustrates all the beautiful connections they have with Monarchs and their relationship with conservation happening in the Midwest and Mexico! Previously published through the collaboration of the UIC Heritage Garden, Latino Cultural Center, USDA Forest Service International Programs, Enlace Chicago and Yollocalli Arts Reach.



Interview with Traveling Monarch Band

Learn more and talk with fellow monarchs Marty, Monica, Mark and Marisco as they discuss their lives on the road!

Why did we create this Monarch Kit?



At the UIC Heritage Garden, one of our goals is to educate ourselves and the communities we live in about important aspects of horticulture, cultural diversity, and social justice as these relate to the ecosystems and land we live on. This can take many forms, including fostering biodiversity, and having conversations that connect peoples and pollinators across cultures and issues.

Getting to know Monarchs opens a path to learn more about the cultures, movements, and communities that have found close ties to this brightly colored butterfly that travels great distances, crossing borders that many of our fellow humans are purposefully excluded from. We, as the Heritage Garden, will continue to be part of the ongoing national and international advocacy for monarch and pollinator conservation and issues of environmental, climate and social justice. Our kit includes many features that aim to educate, highlight, and prompt change around the efforts of environmental conservation and social justice! We hope the resources found here, and on our website, help to provide a few figurative seeds to continue to build a world of abundance and care across generations, species and cultures.

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