

Pollinators of Wisconsin



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Monarch Butterfly (*Danaus plexippus*)

- Caterpillars only eat milkweed
- Females lay up to 500 eggs; less than 10% survive to adults
- Caterpillars are toxic to most birds
- Adults feed on flower nectar
- Fall adults over-winter in Mexico; for some a 3,000-mile journey!



For more information:
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