

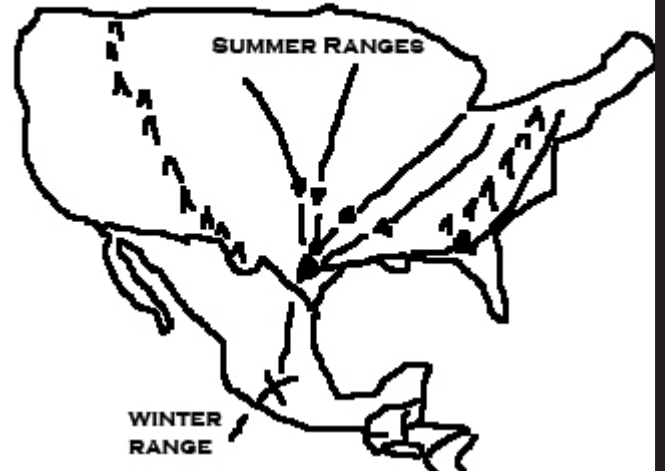


MONARCHS
AND YOU!

Monarch butterflies spend their lives moving. They fly from flower to flower and from state to state and country to country. Monarchs are important pollinators that help plants to grow and they do this job in the United States and Central America. They begin their lives as eggs that other monarchs have laid on milkweed plants, hatch, live as caterpillars, and then change into pupa which live motionless inside a hard shell. After about two weeks the adult butterfly comes out.

Hundreds of thousands of Monarch Butterflies cross through Texas every year, many of them flying across the Gulf of Mexico to reach Mexico and the rest of Central America. There, another generation of Monarchs spends the winter and return to the United States the following Spring. There are even international treaties to try and protect the Monarch Butterfly as it travels throughout North America!

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Monarch butterflies fly from the northern United States south through Texas and spend the winter in Central Mexico

Definitions

Pollinators – insects and other animals that help plants by spreading pollen between plants

Eggs- insects lay eggs as part of how they make new insects

Milkweed- there are many types of milkweed across North America at least twelve different types that grow in Texas!

Pupa- a nonmoving stage in the butterfly's life where it is changing from a caterpillar to an adult.

Caterpillar-a wormlike life stage for butterflies.

Migration- when animals move from one area to another due to the change of seasons

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