



Monarch Resources and Programs List

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- About Monarchs <https://monarchjointventure.org/monarch-biology>
- Milkweed Identification Poster
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- Monarch Nectar Plants of the Midwest https://xerces.org/sites/default/files/2018-05/16-043_01_XercesSoc_MonarchNectarPlants_Midwest_web-3page_0.pdf
- Monarch Butterflies in Eastern U.S. Brochure <https://www.floridamuseum.ufl.edu/wp-content/uploads/sites/37/2017/03/Monarch-Butterflies-Eastern-US-brochure.pdf>
- Monarch Joint Venture Resources <https://monarchjointventure.org/resources/downloads-and-links>
- Xerces Society for Invertebrate Conservation Resources
<https://xerces.org/monarchs/eastern-monarch-conservation>
- Monarch Watch Resources <https://www.monarchwatch.org/>
- Pollinator Partnership Resources <https://www.pollinator.org/monarch/monarch-resources>

- National Wildlife Federation Resources
<https://www.nwf.org/Our-Work/Wildlife-Conservation/Monarch-Butterfly>
- North American Butterfly Association
<https://naba.org/>
- Illinois Wildlife Action Plan
<https://dnr.illinois.gov/conservation/iwap.html>

Resources for Agriculture Stakeholders

- Illinois Monarch Project Agriculture Action Plan
<https://ifbflipbook.ilfb.org/Monarchflipbook/?page=1>
- Illinois Monarch Project Mowing on the Farm Guidelines
<https://illinoismonarchprojectcom.files.wordpress.com/2019/08/mowing-on-the-farm-guidelines-for-protecting-pollinators.pdf>
- Best Management Practices: Management Activities for Rural or Private Lands
<https://farmersformonarchs.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/02/Best-Management-Practices-Rural-or-Private-Lands.pdf>
- Best Management Practices: Row Crop Production https://hp2.923.myftpupload.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/MonarchBooklet_RowCropProduction.pdf
- Growing Milkweed in Non-Crop Areas to Benefit the Monarch Butterfly
<https://illinoismonarchprojectcom.files.wordpress.com/2017/07/living-acres-milkweed-brochure-web.pdf>
- Upper Midwest Pollinator Meadow Habitat Installation Guide
<https://xerces.org/sites/default/files/publications/15-042.pdf>
- Farmers for Monarchs <https://farmersformonarchs.org/>
- HabiTally <https://monarch.ent.iastate.edu/habitally>
- FieldWatch <http://fieldwatch.com/>
- USDA NRCS Monarch Butterfly Habitat Evaluation Guide
<https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/state-offices/pennsylvania>

- USDA Conservation Research Program: Pollinator Habitat Planting (CP42)
https://www.fsa.usda.gov/Internet/FSA_File/pollinator_fact_sht.pdf
- Illinois Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP)
<https://dnr.illinois.gov/conservation/crep.html>
- Monarch Waystations <https://www.monarchwatch.org/waystations/#register>
- University of Illinois Extension Pollinator Pocket
<https://extension.illinois.edu/cfiv/pollinator-pockets>
- Illinois Conservation Stewardship Program
<https://dnr.illinois.gov/conservation/csp.html>

Resources for Rights-of-Way Managers

- Rights-of-Way as Habitat Working Group
<http://www.erc.uic.edu/biofuels-bioenergy/pollinator-habitat/rights-of-way-as-habitat>
- Federal Highway Administration's Environmental Review Toolkit
https://www.environment.fhwa.dot.gov/env_topics/ecosystems/pollinators.aspx
- Conservation Actions for Electric Power Companies to Support Monarch Butterflies
<http://rightofway.erc.uic.edu/wp-content/uploads/2019/06/000000003002015435.pdf>
- Roadside Habitat for Monarchs
<https://monarchjointventure.org/mjvprograms/science/roadside-habitat-for-monarchs>
- Illinois Monarch Project Mowing Guidelines for Pollinators
<https://illinoismonarchproject.com.files.wordpress.com/2019/08/monarch-project-mowing-guidelines-for-pollinators.pdf>
- Monarch Butterflies, Weeds, and Herbicides
<https://www.xerces.org/publications/fact-sheets/roadside-habitat-for-monarchs-monarch-butterflies-weeds-and-herbicides>
- Milkweeds of the Great Lakes <https://xerces.org/sites/default/files/publications/19-021.pdf>

- Illinois Native Plant Information Chart
<https://dnr.illinois.gov/content/dam/soi/en/web/dnr/pollinatorresources/documents/nativeplantpollinatorchart.pdf>
- Illinois Solar Site Pollinator Scorecard
<https://dnr.illinois.gov/conservation/pollinatorscorecard.html>
- Rights-of-Way as Habitat Working Group Pollinator Scorecard
http://rightofway.erc.uic.edu/wp-content/uploads/2019/07/ROWHWG_Pollinator-Scorecard-Users-Guide_092619.pdf
- Monarch Waystations <https://www.monarchwatch.org/waystations/#register>
- EDDMaps: Invasive Species Mapping <https://www.eddmaps.org/>
- Wildlife Habitat Council Pollinator Project Guidance <https://tandemglobal.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/09/WHC-Pollinator-Project-Guidance1.pdf>
- Nationwide Monarch CCAA for Energy and Transportation Lands
<http://rightofway.erc.uic.edu/national-monarch-ccaa/>
- Right-of-Way Stewardship Council <http://www.rowstewardship.org/>

Resources for Natural Lands Managers

- Pollinators in Natural Areas: A Primer on Habitat Management
https://xerces.org/sites/default/files/2018-05/13-003_02_XercesSoc_Pollinators-in-Natural-Areas_web.pdf
- Habitat Management Tools & Techniques
<https://dnr.illinois.gov/conservation/csp/habitatmanagement.html>
- Illinois Monarch Project Mowing Guidelines for Pollinators
<https://illinoismonarchprojectcom.files.wordpress.com/2019/08/monarch-project-mowing-guidelines-for-pollinators.pdf>
- Interseeding Guide
https://www.xerces.org/sites/default/files/publications/18-021_01_Interseeding-Wildflowers-Grasslands-Guide_web.pdf
- Invasive Species Management Guidelines
<https://dnr.illinois.gov/inpc/inpcmanagementguidelines.html>

- EDDMaps: Invasive Species Mapping <https://www.eddmaps.org/>
- Illinois Native Plant Information Chart <https://dnr.illinois.gov/content/dam/soi/en/web/dnr/pollinatorresources/documents/nativeplantpollinatorchart.pdf>
- Monarch Waystations <https://www.monarchwatch.org/waystations/#register>
- Integrated Monarch Monitoring Program <https://monarchjointventure.org/immp>
- Illinois Butterfly Monitoring Network <https://naturemuseum.org/cas/community-science/butterfly-monitoring>
- How to Plant Pollinator Seed <https://dnr.illinois.gov/education/atoz/forbinstructions.html>
- Illinois Natural Areas Stewardship Grant Program <https://dnr.illinois.gov/grants/stewardshipgrants.html>
- Illinois Conservation Stewardship Program <https://dnr.illinois.gov/conservation/csp.html>

Resources for Urban Stakeholders

- Mayors' Monarch Pledge <https://www.nwf.org/MayorsMonarchPledge>
- Monarch Conservation in America's Cities <https://www.nwf.org/~media/Documents/PDFs/Garden-for-Wildlife/Monarch-Conservation-Americas-Cities-Guide.pdf>
- Urban Monarch Conservation Planning Toolsets http://maps.fieldmuseum.org/milkweed/UrbanMonarch_tool_manual.pdf
- Smarter Pest Management: Pollinator Protection for Cities and Campuses <https://xerces.org/publications/fact-sheets/smarter-pest-management-pollinator-protection-cities-campuses>
- Illinois Monarch Project Mowing Guidelines for Pollinators <https://illinoismonarchprojectcom.files.wordpress.com/2019/08/monarch-project-mowing-guidelines-for-pollinators.pdf>

- Pollinator-Friendly Parks <https://xerces.org/publications/guidelines/pollinator-friendly-parks>
- Parks for Pollinators <https://www.nrpa.org/our-work/Three-Pillars/environmental-resilience/parks4pollinators/>
- Schoolyard Butterfly Gardens <https://mjv.nyc3.cdn.digitaloceanspaces.com/documents/SchoolyardGardensUpdated.pdf>
- IDNR Illinois Schoolyard Habitat Action Grant <https://dnr.illinois.gov/education/grants/grantsshag/schoolyard2.html>
- Monarchs in the Rough <https://monarchsinterough.org/>
- Monarch Festival Planning <https://monarchjointventure.org/blog/monarch-festival-planning-a-guide-for-everyone>
- Monarch Waystations <https://www.monarchwatch.org/waystations/#register>
- Pollinator Habitat Guide <https://uwmadison.app.box.com/s/y3t4gkk6pc7lj3ntbgbyxjq6ogsbxhu>
- Habitat Assessment Guide for Pollinators in Yards, Gardens, and Parks <https://www.xerces.org/publications/habitat-assessment-guides/habitat-assessment-guide-for-pollinators-in-yards-gardens>
- University of Illinois Extension Pollinator Pockets <https://extension.illinois.edu/cfiv/pollinator-pockets>
- Illinois Native Plant Information Chart <https://dnr.illinois.gov/content/dam/soi/en/web/dnr/pollinatorresources/documents/nativeplantpollinatorchart.pdf>
- Illinois Clean Energy Pollinator Meadows Pilot Program <https://www.illinoiscleanenergy.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/11/PollinatorMeadowsGuidelines2022.pdf>
- Open Space Lands Acquisition and Development (OSLAD) Program <https://dnr.illinois.gov/grants/openspacelandsacquisitiondevelopment-grant.html>

Resources for Individuals

- Monarch Butterfly Conservation Talking Points <https://monarchwatch.org/blog/2009/03/12/monarch-butterfly-conservation-talking-points/>
- Illinois Native Plants for the Home Landscape <https://iiseagrant.org/publications/illinois-native-plants-for-the-home-landscape/?fbclid=IwAR38TKiES3EhRG0stzKUAbyM6DNAqwjvOT3mKPppYzAg9Fr9NectzpEpec4>
- Illinois - Creating Monarch Habitat in Your Midwestern Garden https://www.datocms-assets.com/44232/1685037373-878_usa_illinois_monarchhabitat_version2.pdf
- Planting your Garden <https://rcdsd.specialdistrict.org/files/59808e198/GardeningforMonarchs.pdf>
- Rearing Monarchs: Why or Why Not? <https://mlmp.org/mlmp-resources/rearing>
- Monarch Citizen Science <https://monarchjointventure.org/get-involved/study-monarchs-community-science-opportunities>
- Illinois Native Plant Sales <https://illinoisplants.org/native-plant-sales/>
- Habitat Assessment Guide for Pollinators in Yards, Gardens, and Parks <https://www.xerces.org/publications/habitat-assessment-guides/habitat-assessment-guide-for-pollinators-in-yards-gardens>
- Chicago Living Corridors <https://chicagolivingcorridors.org/>
- Wild Ones <https://wildones.org/chapters-2/chapters-in-illinois/>
- The Journey to Restore Native Habitat <https://illinoisaudubon.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/04/BB-Web-Single-Final.pdf>
- Illinois Conservation Stewardship Program <https://dnr.illinois.gov/conservation/csp.html>

Grants, Giveaways and Cost-Share Programs

- Monarch Watch Free Milkweed Program <https://monarchwatch.org/bring-back-the-monarchs/milkweed/free-milkweeds/>

- Seed A Legacy Program
<https://www.beeandbutterflyfund.org/seed-a-legacy-program>
- Illinois Clean Energy Pollinator Meadows Pilot Program
<https://www.illinoiscleanenergy.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/11/PollinatorMeadowsGuidelines2022.pdf>
- U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Partners for Fish & Wildlife
<https://www.fws.gov/program/partners-fish-and-wildlife>
- USDA Conservation Research Program: Pollinator Habitat Planting (CP42)
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Habitat Certifications and Registries

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- University of Illinois Extension Pollinator Pockets
<https://extension.illinois.edu/cfiv/pollinator-pockets>
- Million Pollinator Garden Network <https://www.pollinator.org/mpgcmmap/>
- U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service Monarch Conservation Database <https://gis-fws.opendata.arcgis.com/datasets/monarch-butterfly-us-conservation-units/about>
- HabiTally <https://monarch.ent.iastate.edu/habitally>

- Illinois Audubon Society Bird and Butterfly Sanctuary Certification <https://illinoisaudubon.org/programs/bird-and-butterfly-sanctuary-certification/>
- Conservation@Home and Conservation@Work <https://www.theconservationfoundation.org/conservation-home/getting-certified/>
- Wildlife Habitat Council Pollinator Project Guidance <https://tandemglobal.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/09/WHC-Pollinator-Project-Guidance1.pdf>

Selecting Monarch-Friendly Plants

- Milkweed Seed Finder <https://www.xerces.org/publications/habitat-assessment-guides/habitat-assessment-guide-for-pollinators-in-yards-gardens>
- Mason State Nursery <https://dnr.illinois.gov/conservation/forestry/tree-nurseries.html>
- Illinois Native Plant Sales <https://illinoisplants.org/native-plant-sales/>
- Native Plant Finder <https://www.nwf.org/nativeplantfinder>
- Monarch Nectar Plants of the Midwest https://xerces.org/sites/default/files/2018-05/16-043_01_XercesSoc_MonarchNectarPlants_Midwest_web-3page_0.pdf
- Selecting Plants for Pollinators https://www.pollinator.org/pollinator.org/assets/generalFiles/PrairieParklandrx12FINAL_171017_090033.pdf

Monitoring Monarchs and Habitat

- Monarch Citizen Science <https://monarchjointventure.org/get-involved/study-monarchs-community-science-opportunities>
- Monarch Larvae Monitoring Project <https://mlmp.org/>

- EDDMaps: Invasive Species Mapping <https://www.eddmaps.org/>
- Monarch Community Science Project <https://www.fieldmuseum.org/visit/daily-events/monarch-community-science-project>
- Illinois Butterfly Monitoring Network <https://naturemuseum.org/cas/community-science/butterfly-monitoring>
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- iPollinate <https://ipollinate.illinois.edu/>

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- Pollinator Habitat Guide <https://uwmadison.app.box.com/s/y3t4gkk6pc7lj3ntbgbyxjq6ogsbxhu>
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Outreach

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- DuPage Monarch Project <https://dupagemonarchs.com/>
- IDNR ENTICE (Environment and Nature Training Institute for Conservation Education) Workshops for Educators <https://www.enticeworkshops.com/>

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