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MONARCH BUTTERFLY FACTS:

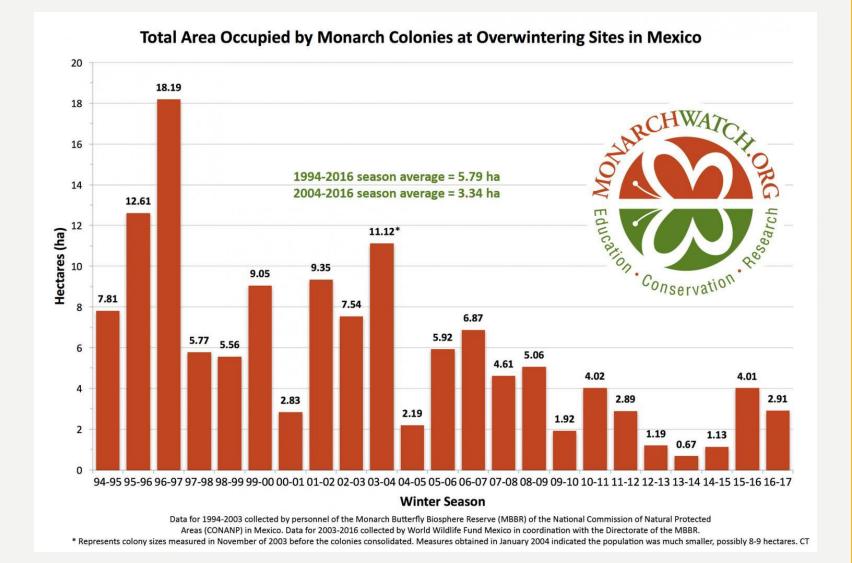
- Annual Migration
- 2,500 Miles Annually to Mexico and California
- Weight of a Paperclip!
- Lifespan 2 to 6 Weeks During Breeding Season
- Host Plant Milkweed
- Texas State Insect





PLIGHT OF THE MONARCH

decline in population the last 20 years





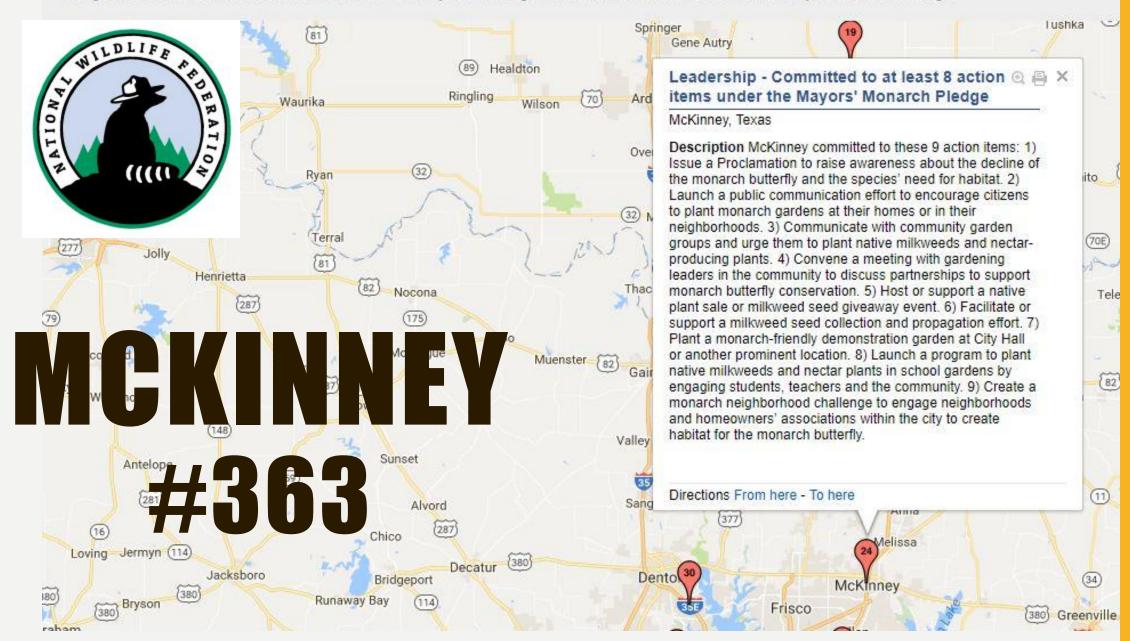
NATIONAL WILDLIFE FEDERATION PROGRAM

Through the National Wildlife Federation's Mayors' Monarch Pledge, US cities, municipalities, and other communities are committing to create habitat for the monarch butterfly and pollinators, and to educate citizens about how they can make a difference at home and in their community. The monarch's migration spans the United States, Mexico, and Canada, the pledge expanded to these countries through new tri-national partnerships in 2017.



Mayors' Monarch Pledge Participating Cities

Designated are all of the cities across the US whose Mayors have signed the National Wildlife Federation's Mayors' Monarch Pledge



PROCLAMATION DAY **FEBRUARY 20, 2018**





City of McKinney Proclamation

WHEREAS. the monarch butterfly is an iconic North American species whose multigenerational migration and metamorphosis from caterpillar to

butterfly has captured the imagination of millions of Americans; and

WHEREAS. 20 years ago, more than one billion Eastern monarch butterflies migrated to Mexico, but in the winter of 2014, only 60 million made the

trip: and

WHEREAS. cities, towns and counties have a critical role to play to help save the monarch butterfly, and the City of McKinney Texas is taking a leadership

role by launching Mayor's Monarch Challenge; and

every citizen of McKinney can make a difference for the monarch by WHEREAS,

planting native milkweed and nectar plants to provide habitat for the monarch and pollinators in locations where people live, work, learn, play

and worship; and

WHEREAS. on behalf of the people of McKinney who will join in creating a healthy

habitat for these magnificent butterflies. I am honored to lead the way by signing the National Wildlife Federation's Mayors' Monarch Pledge; and I encourage others across our great City to take a stand with me so that the monarch butterfly will once again flourish across the continent.

NOW. THEREFORE, I, GEORGE FULLER, BY THE POWER VESTED IN ME AS THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF MCKINNEY, TEXAS, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM FEBRUARY 20, 2018 AS

MAYOR'S MONARCH PLEDGE DAY

IN MCKINNEY, TEXAS

WITNESS MY HAND AND SEAL THIS THE 20th DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2018.

George C. Fuller, Mayor

PROPOSED ACTION ITEMS 9 OUT OF 25

Communications & Convening

- Issue a Proclamation to raise awareness about the decline of the monarch butterfly and the species' need for habitat.
- Launch a public communication effort to encourage citizens to plant monarch gardens at their homes or in their neighborhoods
- Communicate with community garden groups and urge them to plant native milkweeds and nectarproducing plants.
- Convene a meeting with gardening leaders in the community to discuss partnerships to support monarch butterfly conservation

Program & Demonstration Gardens

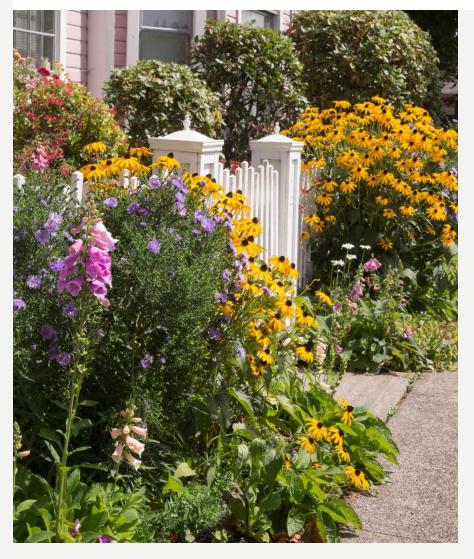
- Host or support a native plant sale or milkweed seed giveaway event.
- Facilitate or support a milkweed seed collection and propagation effort.
- Plant a monarch-friendly demonstration garden at City Hall or another prominent location.
- Launch a program to plant native milkweeds and nectar plants in school gardens by engaging students, teachers and the community.
- Create a monarch neighborhood challenge to engage neighborhoods and homeowners' associations within the city to create habitat for the monarch butterfly.

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Conventional Landscape



Habitat Landscape For Ecology

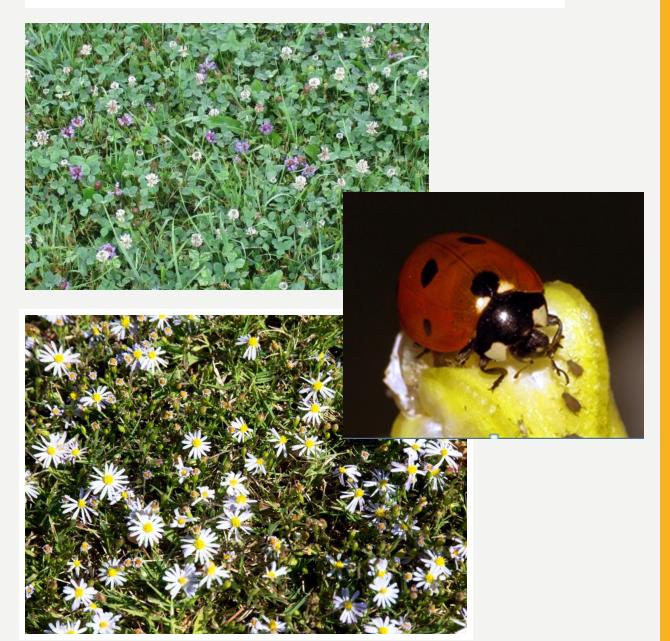




Conventional Landscape



Planting for Ecology



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Your landscape is wildlife's



Food Desert



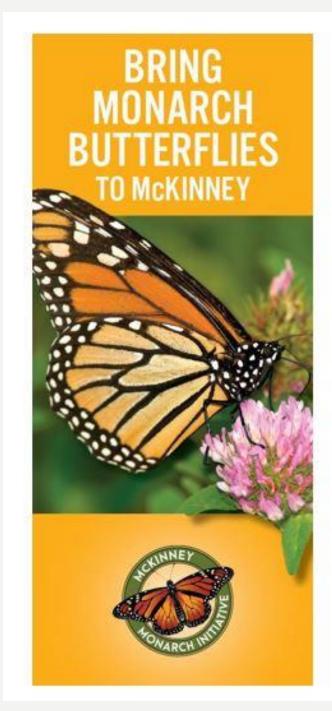
Abundance of **Food**

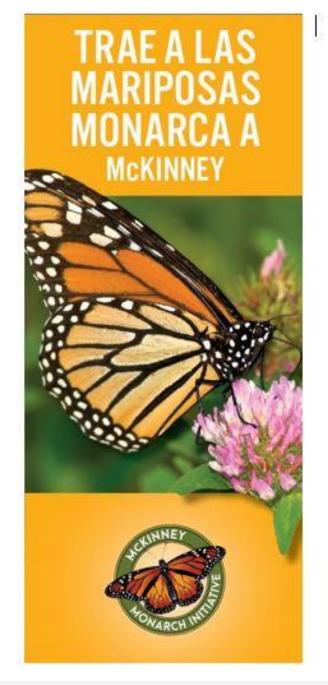


MONARCH BROCHURE

McKinney Monarch Initiative brochure is available in English & Spanish on our website.

www.mckinneytexas.org/monarch





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Proclamation

McKinney's Proposed Actions

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Butterfly Books

Butterfly Resources

Heard Butterfly House & Garden

Million Pollinator Garden Challenge

NWF's Wildlife Garden Checklist

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Plant a Garden

Plant a Butterfly Garden

Help the Monarchs by planting a Butterfly Garden. Planting native milkweed in your home landscape is one of the most beneficial things you can do. Monarchs need a place to feed, rest and lay their eggs during their migration.

Good Soil is the Key to Success

The primary soil type in McKinney and Collin County is Houston Black Clay. While extremely fertile, the composition of the clay makes it difficult to establish healthy soil for landscape beds. It is necessary to alter the soil structure by adding amendments. For clay soils, consider a one-time incorporation of three inches of compost. For more information about amending your soil visit the Collin County Master Gardeners website.



Selecting the right plants is important Here is a partial list of plants that will attract pollinators:

Host Plants for Butterflies

- Native milkweeds Monarchs
- Dill, Fennel, Rue Black Swallowtails
- <u>Dutchman's White-Veined Pipevine</u> Pipevine Swallowtails
- <u>Passion Vine</u> Fritillaries

Nector Plants

- Blue Mistflower
- Copper Canyon Daisy
- Fall Aster
- Rosemary
- Salvia Greggii
- Texas Lantana
- Turks Cap (shade tolerant)
- <u>Texas Frogfruit</u> (shade tolerant)



Environmental Education

1550 S. College St. Bldg. D McKinney, TX 75069 Map

Ph 972-547-7335







The National Wildlife Federation (NWF) provides a series of videos to help you get started in creating a wildlife-friendly habitat.



More How-to Videos from NWF

- Providing a food source.
- · Providing a water source.
- Providing a shelter/cover.
- Creating places to raise young.
- Sustainable practices.
- Certifying your yard.

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NWF's Wildlife Garden Checklist

Oualify Your Garden

Create a love nest in your yard! Your yard or garden may qualify to be recognized as a Certified Wildlife Habitat.

How It Helps Wildlife

· Every habitat garden is step toward replenishing resources for wildlife locally and along migratory corridors.

for local wildlife in select affiliate partner states.

· Your application processing fee of \$20 supports the National Wildlife Federation's programs to inspire others to make a difference and address declining habitat for bees,

· By adding pollinator and monarch friendly plants when you certify your wildlife garden with National Wildlife Federation, it also gets counted towards the Million Pollinator Garden Challenge.

butterflies, birds, amphibians and other wildlife nationwide. A portion also supports work

The online application tool will ask you to confirm you've provided the required number of elements for each of the following:

- · Food
- Water
- · Places to hide young
- Sustainable Practices

Before applying, download this checklist to ensure you have met all the requirements for your wildlife garden. You will be amazed at the short amount of time your habitat garden will be filled with life, activity and color of bees, birds, butterflies, and other wildlife!

Check List

Benefits

When you certify you will become a member of the National Wildlife Federation's Garden for Wildlife community and receive the following benefits:

- Personalized certificate
- · Subscription to our e-newsletter, Garden for Wildlife
- · A one-year membership in the National Wildlife Federation and subscription to National Wildlife® magazine
- 10% off the National Wildlife Federation catalog merchandise, including nesting boxes, feeders, birdbaths, and other items to enhance your wildlife garden
- · Exclusive option to purchase attractive garden signs designating your garden as a Certified Wildlife Habitat® with the National Wildlife Federation

Certify your garden

· Certify your garden online

MCKINNEY MONARCH INITIATIVE IN GREEN **MCKINNEY NEWSLETTER**





City of McKINNEY Environmental Education

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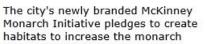
Water Restrictions

Yard Waste Program

Dog Waste

Recycling Drop Off

Mayor George Fuller signed a proclamation at the Feb. 20 Council meeting to participate in the pledge, joining hundreds of cities across the U.S. in support of the declining population of monarch butterflies and other pollinators.



population during migration through McKinney. Through the initiative, the city will encourage citizens to plant monarch gardens at their homes or in their neighborhoods, work with community garden groups and schools to increase planting native milkweeds, nectar-producing plants, and form partnerships to support monarch butterfly conservation.

Find out more about the McKinney Monarch Initiative.

Green Seminar:

The Plight of the Monarch Butterfly

Wednesday, Mar. 7 6:30 P.M McKinney Fire Station #7 861 S. Independence Pkwy. McKinney

The Monarch population has declined by more than 90 percent

in the last 20 years due to habitat destruction. Monarch butterflies, are treasures to be protected and cherished. Learn about conservation efforts and how to make your garden a butterfly sanctuary. Register Online.



EDUCATIONAL SEMINARS







BUTTERFLY GARDENING

LEARN HOW TO CREATE THE PERFECT HABITAT FOR MONARCH BUTTERFLIES, POLLINATORS, SONGBIRDS AND HUMMINGBIRDS USING NATIVE & ADAPTIVE PLANTS.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 8
6:30 P.M.
MCKINNEY COMMUNITY CENTER
2001 S. CENTRAL EXPWY.

REGISTER ONLINE:

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PRESENTATIONS & OUTREACH



McKinney ISD PTA Council



Michael's Craft Store Corporate Headquarters



McKinney Morning Pride Lions Club



Minshew Elementary Green Team

COLLIN COUNTY MASTER GARDENER & HEARD MUSEUM PLANT SALES























MCKINNEY'S FIRST "ULANDSCAPEIT GARDEN IN A BOX" DEMONSTRATION GARDEN















GARDEN IN A BOX PROGRAM

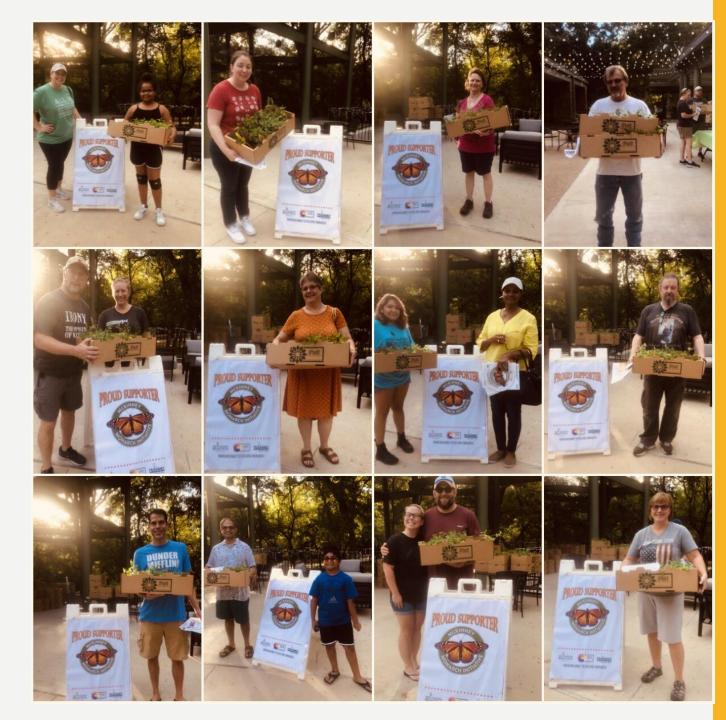
GARDEN BOX PROGRAM:

- 32 Native & adapted plants
- Harmonious plant palette
- Favorite plants for bees, butterflies & hummingbirds
- Locally grown
- Pre-orders were available until sold out
- Pick up UPlantIt Box 4 different locations:
 AgriLife Dallas, FortWorth, Lewisville & McKinney



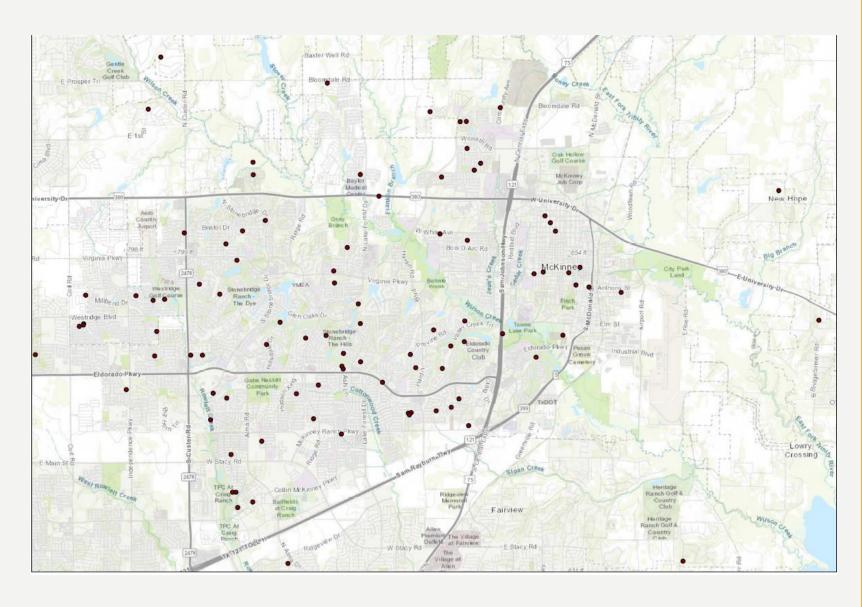
Happy Residents





I00+ UPlantIt Gardens (3200 plants) in McKinney





ADOP

CLICK TO REGISTER

150 PLANTS DISTRIBUTED TO RESIDENTS

ALL PLANTS
RESERVED IN 4
HOURS WHEN
PROGRAM WAS
LAUNCHED

PLANTS GROWN BY HUGS GREENHOUSE

HUGS employs special needs adults





DRIVE THRU DISTRIBUTION DAY

JUNE 2020

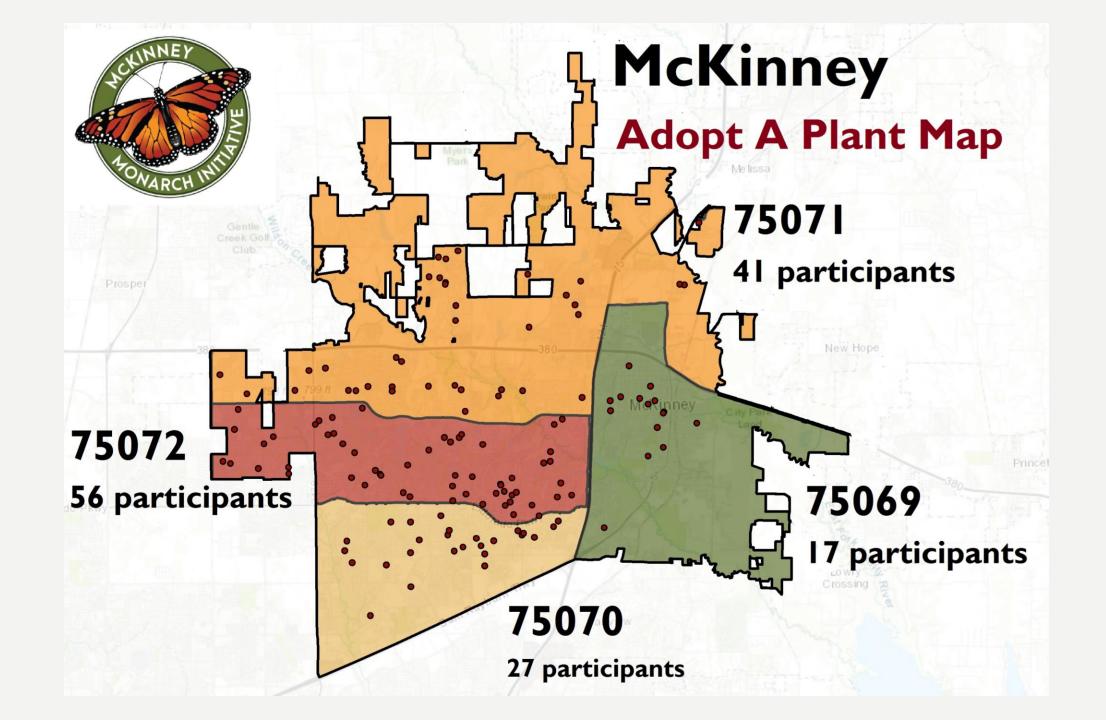


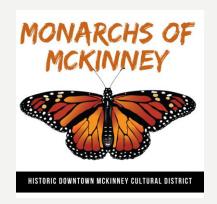






HAPPY PLANT ADOPTERS





PUBLIC ART PROGRAM DOWNTOWN CULTURAL DISTRICT

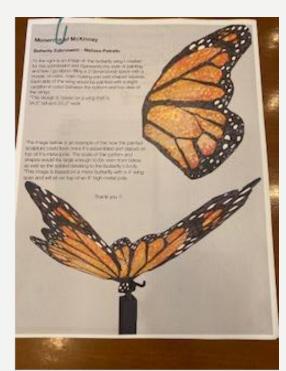
The art installation consists of eight over-sized, steel Monarch butterfly sculptures painted by McKinney artists. Funded by Texas

Commission for the Arts, the McKinney Arts Commission, McKinney

Main Street and the City of McKinney

Locations for sculptures:

- •McKinney Performing Arts Center
- •Heritage Village at Chestnut Square
- •Roy & Helen Hall Public Library
- •Central Park
- •Old Settler's Recreation Center
- •Heard-Craig Center for the Arts
- •The Chestnut Parking Garage
- •The Cove









PUBLIC ART PROGRAM DOWNTOWN CULTURAL DISTRICT









CITIZEN-SCIENCE EFFORTS THAT HELP MONITOR MONARCH MIGRATION AND HEALTH.

We strongly encourage our citizenry to participate in posting photos on social media and encouraged them to report sightings during migration on journeynorth.com.

#mckinneymonarch
#mckinneymonarchinitiative







Monarch butterflies are traveling through McKinney as they make their annual 2500 mile migration to their overwintering grounds in Mexico. Have monarchs visited your garden? Send us your photos!

To learn more about the McKinney Monarch Initiative visit www.mckinneytexas.org/monarch

Use hashtag #mckinneymonarch









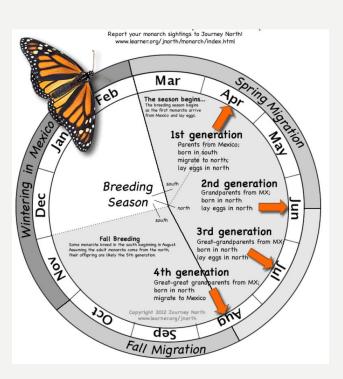
Citizen Science | Monarch Tagging



First Tagged Monarch of 2019 Migration was found in Santa Catarina, Nuevo Leon Mexico on Monday, October 20, it was tagged in Calhoun, Nebraska on September 13!



MONARCH BUTTERFLY ANNUAL CYCLE



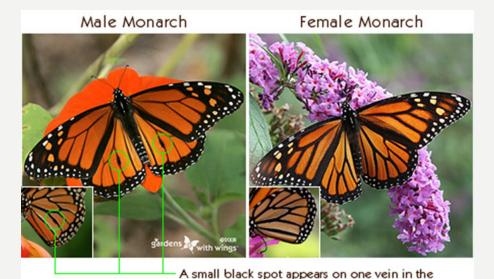
Life Cycle

Egg: 3-4 Days Larvae (Caterpillar): 10-14 Days Pupae (Chrysalis): 10-14 Days





HOW TO IDENTIFY MONARCHS, QUEENS & VICEROYS



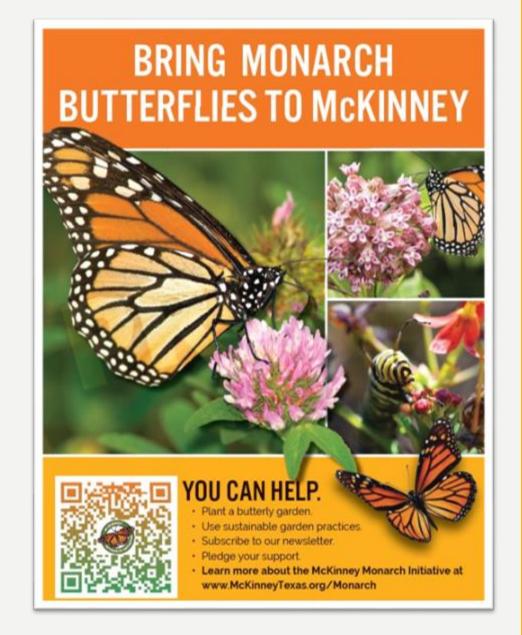
the female.

center of the hindwings on the male but not on



POSTERS & BROCHURE DISPENSERS AVAILABLE FOR DOWNTOWN MERCHANTS

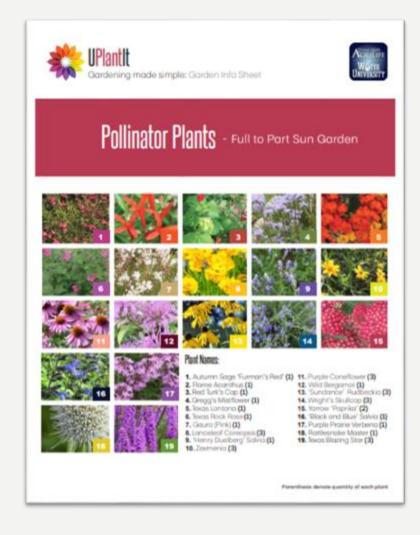




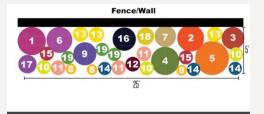


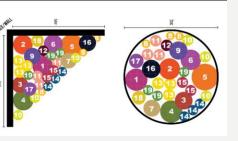
Pollinator Box 2020

- Palette is 19 different plants
- Box contains **32** 3" starter plants
- Order now until sold out
- Pick up UPlantIt Box on Saturday, September 26 at McKinney Environmental Education office, Fort Worth, Dallas AgriLife and Upper Trinity Water District in Lewisville









UPCOMING IN PERSON SEMINAR

HUMMINGBIRD GARDENING



TUESDAY, SEPT.29 6:30 P.M.

RECREATION CENTER AT TOWNE LAKE PATIO 2001 S. CENTRAL EXPWY.



Limited seating available. Face Masks are required. Hosted in cooperation with Prairie & Timbers Audubon Society.

REGISTER ONLINE: WWW.MCKINNEYTEXAS.ORG/GREEN

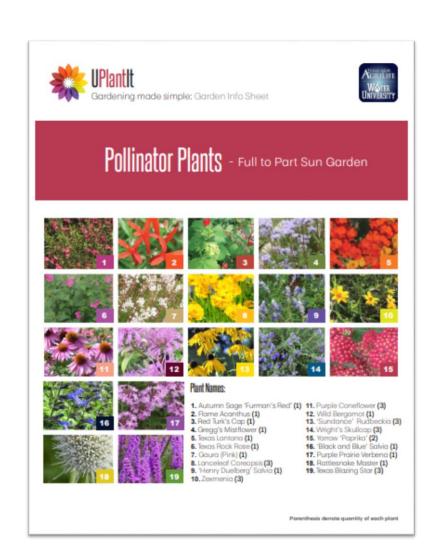
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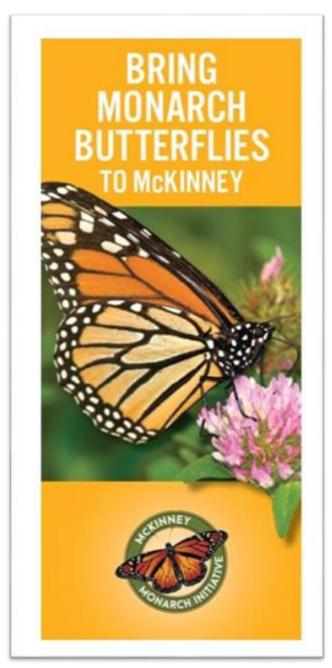
Register online:

https://www.mckinneytexas.org/164/Environmental-Education-Public-Outreach

HANDOUTS BEING SENT BY EMAIL









Visit website,
www.mckinneytexas.org/green
click on link to join email list.



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