

Raise, Tag, and Release (RTR) Summer Program

Monarchs Matter & ReWild Long Island



Problem



80%

of the eastern U.S. migratory monarch population has declined since 1996

Major Causes of Decline



Deforestation

Oyamel fir forests in Mexico, which serve as overwintering habitats for monarchs, are destroyed for illegal logging, agriculture, and urbanization.



Pesticides & Herbicides

Pesticides and insecticides can kill monarchs and milkweed, the primary food source of monarch larvae.



Climate Change

Rising global temperatures disrupt cues for migration and increase extreme weather events, such as increased rainfall that causes fewer eggs to be laid.



Why monarchs?

Monarch butterflies are native to New York, serving as vital pollinators and a crucial food source for various organisms. Furthermore, their 3,000-mile migration journey makes them crucial for ecosystems across North America.

Learn more



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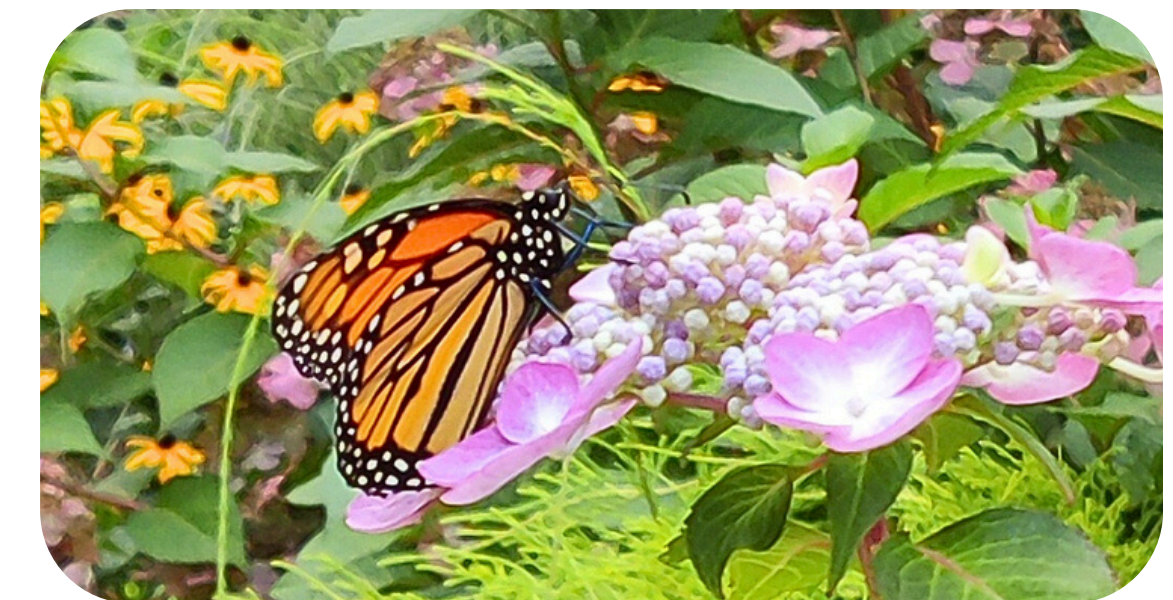
Become a Monarch Expert

Learn about the life cycle, habitats, and role of monarch butterflies while gaining hands-on experience raising, tagging, and releasing monarchs to support monarch monitoring research through the *Monarch Watch Tagging Program* and the *Monarch Larva Monitoring Project*.



Start Your Sustainable Garden

Receive free swamp milkweed to plant in your yard or balcony, growing biodiversity and providing food and shelter for birds, pollinators, and various native species.



Meet New People

Connect with adult and youth mentors, volunteers, and interns passionate about fighting the climate and biodiversity crises through tightly-knit weekly in-person sessions and WhatsApp conversations.

Make Your Resume Shine

As part of the ReWild Long Island Summer Program to Fight Hunger and Climate Change, choose to either (1) intern for 60+ hours and receive a stipend or (2) volunteer for 30+ hours and receive official volunteer hours for your resume.



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