



Wild for Monarchs

A Champions for Wildlife Curriculum

THE TEACHER COMPANION GUIDE



Dear Teachers,

We are thrilled to introduce you to an exciting educational resource that will engage your students in a deeper manner as they learn about the majestic Monarch Butterfly and participate in the Symbolic Monarch Migration Project through Journey North.



As educators, we understand the vital role you play in shaping the future stewards of our planet. With the decline of the monarch population, it's more important than ever to educate our youth about the importance of wildlife conservation and inspire them to take action.

Our curriculum guide is designed to provide you with comprehensive and engaging materials to teach your students about monarchs, their habitat, the challenges they face, and the efforts being made to save them from extinction. It includes lesson plans, activities, multimedia resources, and more, all aligned with educational standards to seamlessly integrate into your classroom.

By utilizing this curriculum guide, you will not only enrich your students' learning experiences but also empower them to become advocates for wildlife conservation. Together, we can make a difference in preserving the red wolf and its ecosystem for generations to come.

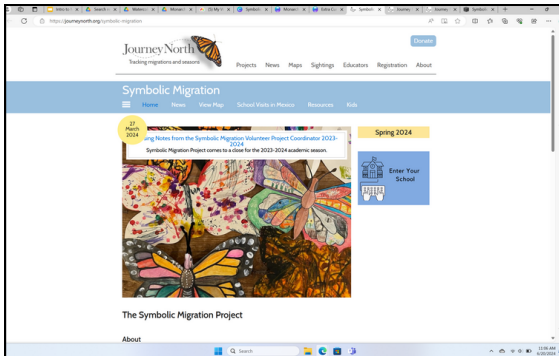
If you have any questions about using our curriculum guide, please contact our Education Manager at alexis@championsforwildlife.org

We encourage you to explore the curriculum guide and incorporate it into your teaching practices. Thank you for your dedication to education and conservation.

Sincerely,

The Champions for Wildlife Team

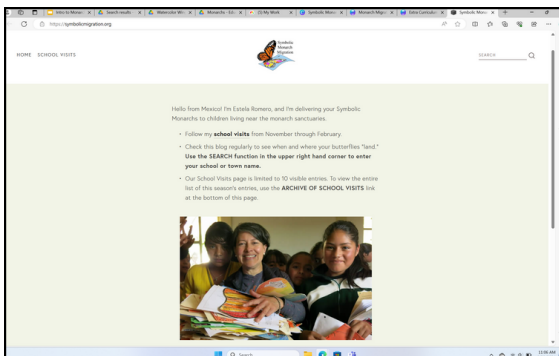
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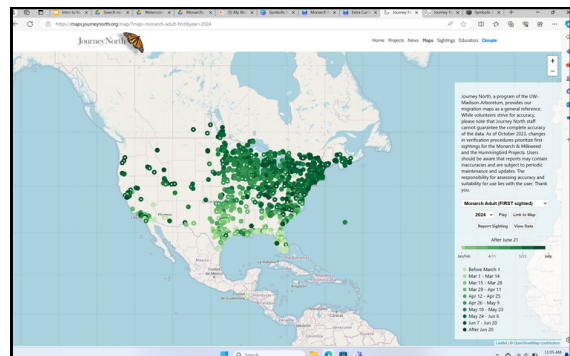
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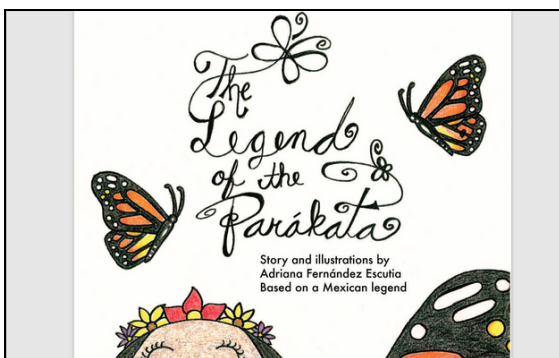
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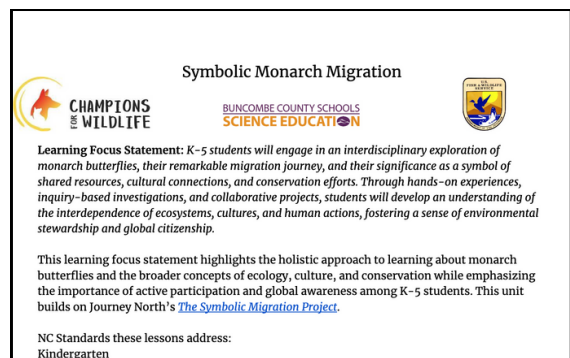
Ms. Romero's School Visit Blog



Monarch Sightings Tracker



The Legend of the Paràkata Colorable Story



Monarch Lessons: Developed by Buncombe County Schools, Champions for Wildlife, and USFWS

Resource Notes:

 **Introduction to Monarchs**
Watch the video: *All About Monarch Butterflies* and fill out this form.

  3 Things You Noticed About Monarchs:
1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

  2 Questions You Have About Monarchs:
1. _____
2. _____

 1 Hypothesis Guess About Monarchs:
1. _____

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Introduction to Monarchs

Use this guide to get students hooked into the wonderful world of Monarchs. This guide is paired with the monarch video linked below. Students can fill out the form before or after watching the film, and then can be guided in a class discussion on the film.

1. [All About Monarchs Video](#)
2. [Class Discussion Guide](#)

Tracking Monarch Growth

As your classroom monarch caterpillars are growing, give this worksheet to students to allow them to monitor and document their growth.

1. [Class Discussion Questions](#)

Tracking Monarch Growth		
Date	Draw: What do you see?	Write: What do you see?
		_____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____
		_____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____
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Monarch Travels Story
Imagine you are a monarch butterfly that is starting its migration journey.
Write a story about where you travel and what you see along the way.

Monarch Travels Story

This writing activity will encourage students to put themselves into the world of monarch butterflies. They will take on the perspective of a monarch embarking on their migration journey.

1. [Writing Activity Rubric](#)

Resource Notes:

Monarch Life Cycle

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As your classroom monarchs grow, write what you observe in each stage of the monarch life cycle.

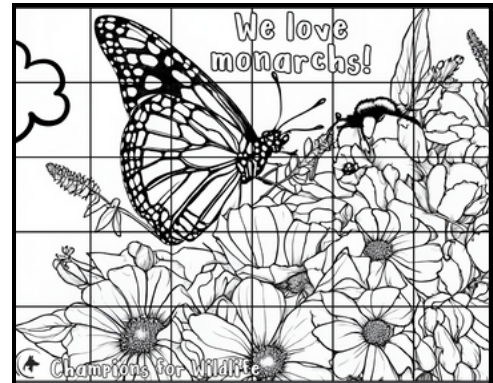
Egg 	Date(s) in this stage: _____ What You Notice: _____ _____ _____
Caterpillar 	Date(s) in this stage: _____ What You Notice: _____ _____ _____
Chrysalis 	Date(s) in this stage: _____ What You Notice: _____ _____ _____
Butterfly 	Date(s) in this stage: _____ What You Notice: _____ _____ _____

This activity is designed to help students align the monarch life cycle with what is happening with your classroom-raised caterpillars. They will practice skills of observation, and will use comparing and contrasting skills to map out the development of the caterpillars.

Collaborative Coloring Page

This activity is designed to allow students to color part of a coloring page, and then put everything together at the end for a classroom display.

1. Printouts for Collaborative Coloring Page
2. Whole Collaborative Coloring Page



Winged Wonders



Listen to the story *Winged Wonders: Solving the Monarch Migration Mystery*. After listening to the story, answer the comprehension questions

1. What is the main mystery in the book "Winged Wonders"?
 - a. How birds fly south for winter
 - b. How monarch butterflies find their food
 - c. How monarch butterflies travel long distances
 - d. How animals hide from predators
2. How do scientists track the migration of monarch butterflies?
 - a. By asking people to draw pictures of butterflies
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3. What is one challenge faced by monarch butterflies during their migration?
 - a. Finding a mate
 - b. Building a nest
 - c. Avoiding storms
 - d. Growing wings
4. Why are milkweed plants important to monarch butterflies?
 - a. They provide shelter from rain
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 - c. They scare away predators
 - d. They make butterflies colorful
5. Why do monarch butterflies migrate to Mexico for winter?
 - a. To build nests
 - b. To find food
 - c. To escape cold weather
 - d. To hide from predators
6. What is one way people can help monarch butterflies, according to the book?
 - a. By building tall buildings
 - b. By planting milkweed plants
 - c. By catching butterflies for pets
 - d. By making loud noises

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Winged Wonders Reading and Questions

Winged Wonders: Solving the Monarch Migration Mystery is a children's story that shows just important it is for people to come together in protecting monarch butterflies. Use the book and the comprehension questions to help your students see this importance.

1. Winged Wonders Book
2. Answer Key



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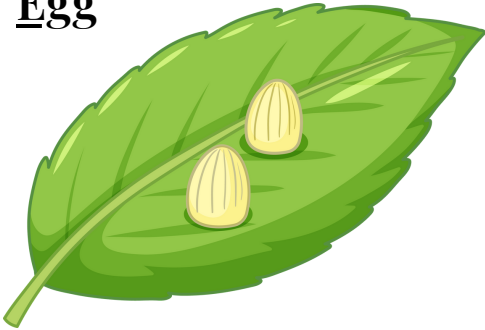
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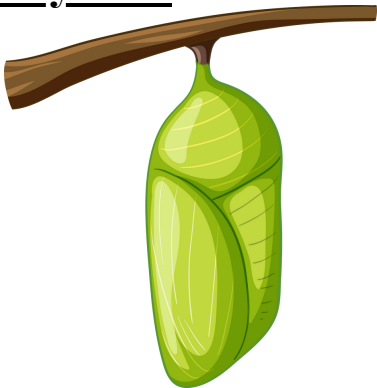
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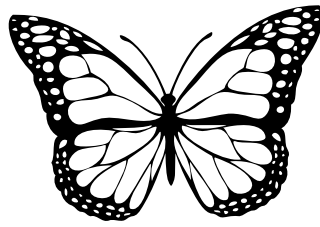
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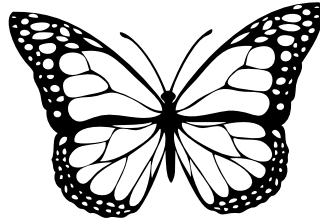
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