

MIGRATING MONARCHS



The Monarch Butterfly migrates into Wisconsin in late spring and early summer. It can take 3 to 4 generations of Monarch Butterflies to make the journey from their overwintering site in Mexico to their summer breeding grounds in the northern United States and Canada. Sometimes large groups of Monarch butterflies can be seen roosting together along the Wisconsin River.

Make a Monarch

Materials: coffee filters, orange and black watercolors with a paintbrush or washable markers, wooden clothespin, black marker

Directions:

1. Paint the coffee filter with orange water colors or color it with washable markers and spray with water to make the colors run. Allow to dry. Each coffee filter will make one butterfly.
2. Once the coffee filter is dry, use a black marker to add details like lines and dots since the coffee filter will be the wings.
3. Pinch the coffee filter in the middle and add the clothespin as the head, thorax and abdomen. You can paint or color the clothespin black if you would like.