

GET THE FACTS

Monarchs



- ▶ The monarch butterfly is one of the most observed species during the Big Backyard BioBlitz. It only breeds in habitats with native milkweed; the only plant its caterpillars can eat. Breeding and feeding habitats include prairies and meadows.

- ▶ It can take up to three generations for monarchs to complete their travel cycle from Canada to Mexico, and back.



- ▶ Monarchs are pollinators. They help plants produce seeds and grow fruit by transferring pollen from one plant to another.



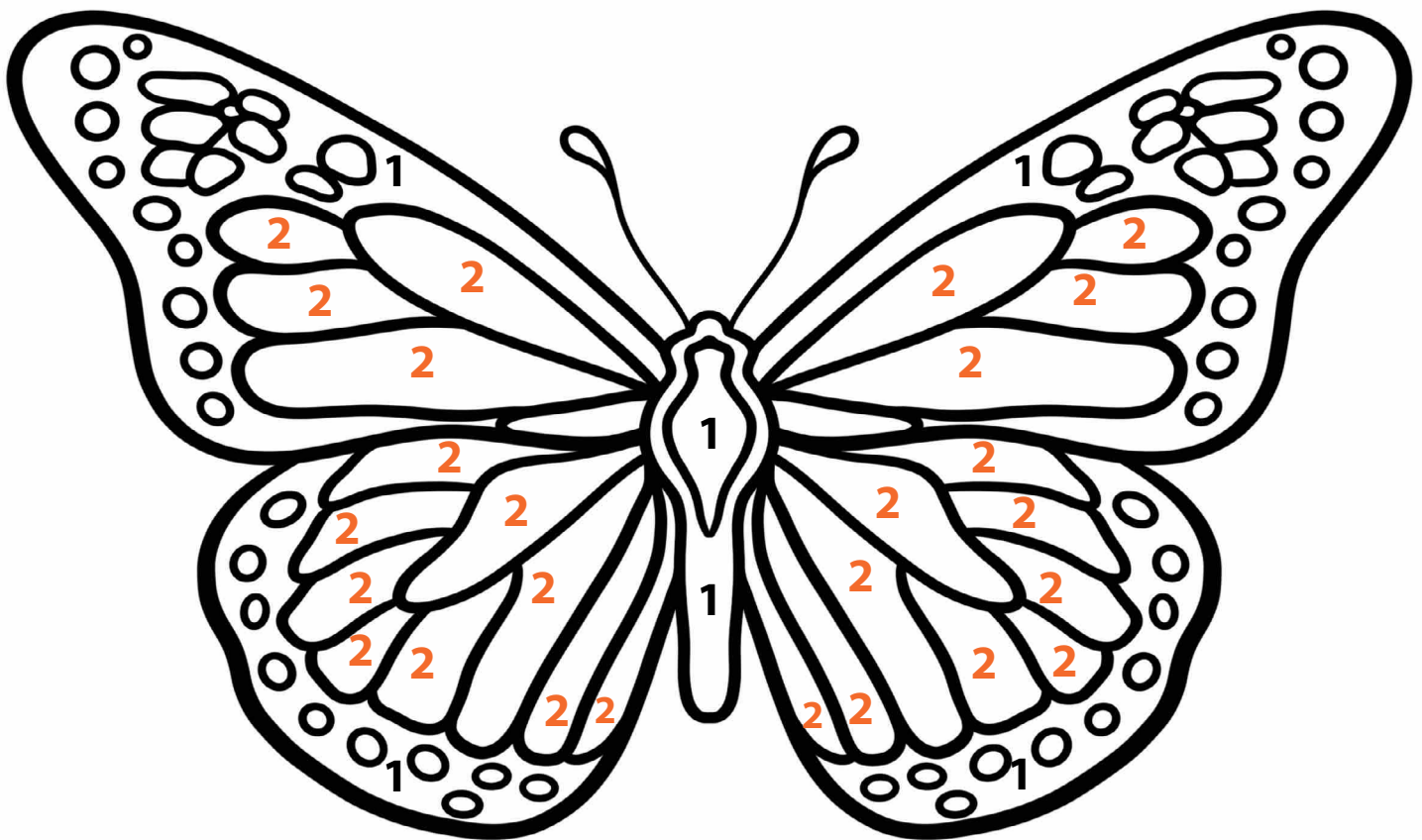
(L to R)) Monarch caterpillar, photo by Chelsea Marcantonio (NCC staff); monarch butterfly on milkweed, photo by Sean Feagan (NCC staff); Monarch on liatris, photo by Mhairi McFarlane (NCC staff).

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Colour by number

Colour each section according to its number to create your own image of a monarch butterfly.

1- Black 2 - Orange



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