

Adult butterflies lay their eggs on host plants. In the case of the Monarch Butterfly, the host plant is the milkweed plant.

Look for a tall green plant with broad leaves and a large seedpod growing near the top. This is the common milkweed plant that Monarchs lovel

When the eggs hatch, the caterpillars that emerge eat the leaves and flowers of the host plant to get big and strong. Once they are ready, they form a chrysalis around themselves and after some time a butterfly emerges

Garden Tips

Try planting aster, yarrow, butterfly bush, lavender, coneflower, allium or milkweed to attract butterflies to your garden!

Butterflies drink nectar, a sweet liquid made by flowers. They use a flexible mouthpart, like a drinking straw, to sip the nectar up from the flower. Chrysallis

Life Cycle of

a Butterfly

