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[Butterfly Images](#)

The Butterfly Web site features a growing library of images of butterflies, moths, and their larvae, searchable by country, state and/or province. Be sure to check out the rest of the site!

[Butterfly Garden Plants by Region](#)

The North American Butterfly Association offers downloadable fact sheets and plant lists for butterfly gardening in 40 specific regions!

[Monarch Watch](#)

An outstanding educational site based on tagging and monitoring monarch butterflies. Offers curriculum for grades K - 8, classroom-scientist

partnerships, a butterfly garden kit, and much more.

[Journey North: Tracking Monarch Migration](#)

Another first-rate classroom resource. Students track spring and fall monarch migrations along with peers and scientists throughout North America. Also features more than 100 related activities for all seasons.

[Butterflies as Pollinators](#)

This is one installment of an excellent pollinator inquiry series for grades 3 - 8 created by the National Wildlife Federation.

[Smithsonian Butterfly Garden Tour](#)

If you can't take the live tour, at least visit online to learn about the various elements of butterfly habitat, from nectar plants to woodland edge.

[Butterfly Making for Young Entomologists](#)

Kids in early primary grades can build their own butterflies from recyclable materials, and in the process learn about insect anatomy, behavior, life cycles, and metamorphosis. ([Acrobat Reader](#) required for document download. [Click here](#) for a free copy.)



[Harmony Habitat Butterfly Garden](#)

Inspired students at this California elementary school wrote and illustrated this page about their butterfly garden.

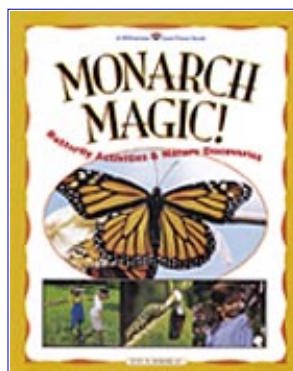
[Brecknock Elementary's Butterfly Garden](#)

A photo gallery of this butterfly garden's progress, from soil prep to full bloom.

[Butterfly Goods from the Gardening with Kids Store \(Members save 10%!\)](#)

[Monarch Magic! Butterfly Activities and Nature Discoveries](#)

This book captures kids' curiosity as they raise and release monarchs, chart their migration, create butterfly art projects, and more. This is a great tool for teaching kids about life cycles and metamorphosis. At each stage, kids complete craft projects that help integrate what they've learned. Includes more than 100 full-color photos. 96 pages; ages 4 through 12.



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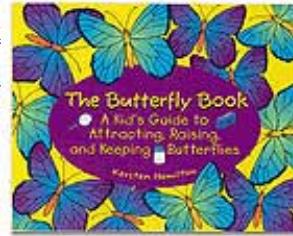


[Butterfly Fandex](#)

Use our new Butterfly Fandex to learn about 50 common backyard butterflies. Each page includes a full-color photo, Latin name, range, preferred larval and nectar plants, and migration and mating habits. You'll also learn how to recognize each species in its caterpillar, pupal, and adult stages.

[The Butterfly Book](#)

Kids can find out how to attract and care for butterflies, and create indoor and outdoor butterfly habitats. Includes a color identification guide for 20 common butterflies. 40 pages; grades 2 through 6.



[Butterfly Observation Kit](#)

Allow inquisitive students to observe the life cycle of the butterfly. Caterpillars feed for 7-10 days before forming chrysalides, and butterflies hatch about 2 weeks later. Includes pop-up observation habitat, an instruction guide, and a mail-in coupon for 3-5 Painted Lady butterfly caterpillars. (You can reorder caterpillars separately for next season!)



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