Monarch Butterfly Migration

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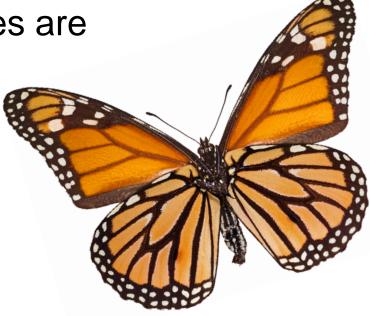
Monarch Butterflies are flying in the sky. The wings of Monarchs are orange. The Monarchs are

very large butterflies. North American

Monarch Butterflies are

famous for their

long migration.





Migration means to move. Monarch Butterflies move from place to place. North American Monarch Butterflies move from Canada to Mexico and back again. They travel more than 2,000 miles. It is one of the longest insect migrations in the world.



It is spring. Monarch Butterflies are in Canada. Female Monarchs lay eggs on a leaf. The eggs hatch into caterpillars. The caterpillars eat the leaf. The caterpillars change into Monarch Butterflies.



It is the end of summer in Canada. Female Monarch Butterflies leave Canada. They migrate south to Mexico. Female Monarchs lay more eggs during their migration.



During winter, Monarch Butterflies live in a forest in Mexico. Monarchs live and mate here for the winter. After winter, female Monarchs finish their migration back north to Canada.



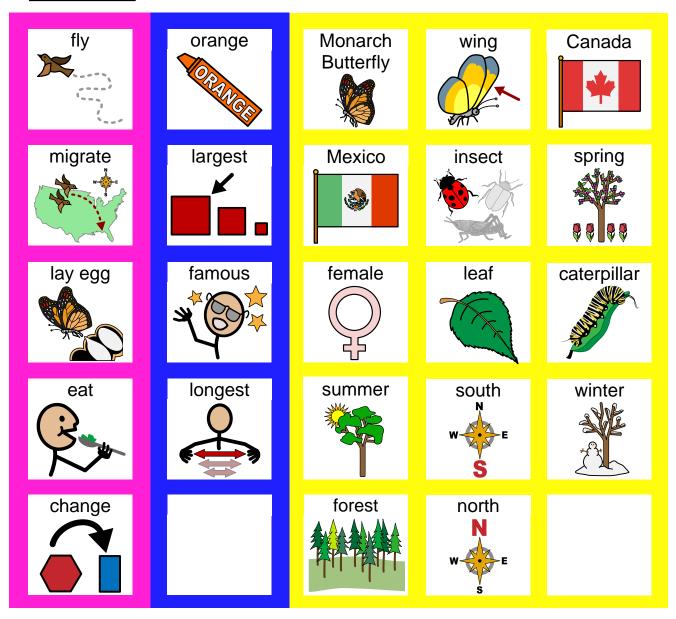
Millions of Monarch Butterflies migrate north and south every year. Many scientists think they have been making this migration for thousands of years. Hopefully they can continue this migration for many more years.





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