

MONARCH MANIA SCAVENGER HUNT

When it's monarch butterfly migration time, we're very lucky to live in Texas! It's been called the "funnel" state because monarch butterflies fly through Texas twice a year. In the spring, they travel north as they lay their eggs and in the fall, they travel south to their winter home in Mexico. This makes Texas very important in terms of monarch habitat — in the spring, we need to provide milkweed for breeding and in the fall, we need to provide nectar plants for energy. Providing nectar resources for the fall migrating monarchs is most important because, in late summer, the fourth generation of monarchs is hatching throughout the Midwest. This group of monarchs will stop laying eggs and focus on intense feeding for their long trip south. They must have enough fat reserves to make it through the winter in Mexico and then, to fly back up to Texas in the spring to lay their eggs. Monarchs search out nectar plants for fuel the entire time they are traveling the 2,500 miles to their winter roosting sites. In Dallas, migration peaks from mid-September through October, that's when our Native Texas Park is filled with nectar plants and other habitat needs that help the monarchs continue on their journey to Mexico.

See if you can find them all!

Texas Lantana 	Deep Shade for Rest 	Late-Flowering Boneset 
A Goldenrod Trail 	A Monarch Butterfly! 	A Field for Frolicking 
Mealy Blue Sage 	Water for Drinking 	Maximilian Sunflower 