

Plan:

- Do you live in a part of Canada that is home to monarch butterflies? How can you find out?
- Where will you get milkweed plants or seeds?
- Where will you plant milkweed?
- When should milkweed be planted?
- How much tending does milkweed require? How will you manage the plants?
- Will you monitor the milkweed you plant to see if it's attracting and supporting monarch butterflies?
- What specific outcomes should you expect? When might you see butterflies?

Do:

- Plant milkweed. Monitor and tend your plants to ensure they're growing.

Review:

- What do you know now that you did not know before?
- How well did your milkweed grow?
- How often did you check on the milkweed you planted to see look for evidence of monarchs?
- How did your Expedition Team record and celebrate this project?

Safety note:

- Wear gloves when gardening to prevent blisters, cuts, scrapes and infections.
- Determine whether milkweed is considered a noxious weed in your part of Canada.
- Ensure that you are not planting in a place where livestock can munch on the milkweed, as it is poisonous in large enough doses. Of course, this also means that humans shouldn't eat milkweed, either!

Online Resources:

- [About Milkweed](#)
- [Plant a weed to succeed](#)
- [Conservationists Warn of Extinction](#)
- [Monarch and Milkweed FAQ](#)
- [Art of Movement: Monarchs](#)



It starts with Scouts.

Got Milkweed?

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The Adventure:

Insects can play an important role in ensuring healthy plants—and healthy harvests. Butterflies and bees act as pollinators, but urbanization and pesticides designed to protect crops from infestations are both having a serious impact on butterfly and bee populations.

Monarch butterflies depend on milkweed to survive, but plants are harder and harder to come by. You can help monarch butterflies—and, by extension, our entire ecosystem—simply by planting the milkweed they depend on.

Once your Expedition Team has created some welcoming habitat for these important insects, check in on the milkweed you planted to enjoy the spectacle of these charismatic creatures.



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