

Come to the Rescue!

Be on the lookout for the four life stages. 

Egg

The tiny egg hatches after 3-5 days and becomes a caterpillar.



Caterpillar (larva)

Eats milkweed and grows for 9-14 days. It *molts* (sheds its skin) five times, finally *pupating* into a green chrysalis.



Chrysalis (pupa)

Starts out bright green and opaque but will gradually become transparent. The caterpillar spends 8-13 days inside transforming into a butterfly.



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Butterfly (adult)

Lives 20-32 days drinking nectar.

Plant Native Milkweed

Locally, adult Monarchs lay their eggs on Narrow Leaf Milkweed, *Asclepias fascicularis*. The caterpillars grow rapidly, increasing their weight almost 3,000 times in 10-15 days. The flowers also provide nectar for adult butterflies.



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Eliminate Pesticides

Use nontoxic alternatives for pest control.

Native milkweed will go dormant around Halloween and re-emerge around Valentine's Day.

Don't weed it out if it appears dead.

Grow Flowering Plants

especially natives that provide nectar in early Spring and Fall. **Avoid planting tropical milkweed.**



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Learn more at *Steps for Success with Milkweed and Monarchs for Inland Southern California Valleys*.

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Track Milkweed and Monarchs

Please avoid captive rearing and instead collect and post data online at the

Western Monarch Milkweed Mapper  and iNaturalist. 

