



## Monarch butterflies are back in Canada!

Butterfly lovers across the country are giving monarchs the royal treatment!

Our third annual #GotMilkweed campaign was a resounding success. People planted thousands of milkweeds and hundreds of thousands of milkweed seeds.



(Photo: Natasha Milijasevic)

While the number of monarchs in Mexico this winter was much higher than last year, a terrible March snowstorm killed millions of monarchs mere days before they started their epic 5,000-kilometre journey back to Canada. And the weather along the migratory route has not been great. So experts are forecasting lower numbers to arrive than last summer.

But with a little luck, those of you who live in monarch territory should be able to spot eggs and caterpillars right now. In fall, a new “super-generation” of Canadian butterflies will make their way south for the winter.

In the meantime, please:

- Support the Montreal Insectarium’s Mission Monarch campaign. Be a citizen scientist! Take stock of milkweed in your area. Look for monarch eggs and caterpillars.
- Sign our Monarch Manifesto. (If you’ve signed already — thank you!)

Together, we can help bring monarchs back from the brink.