




























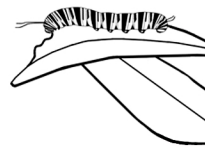




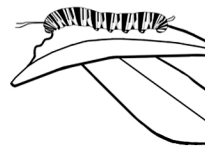
	<h1>Monarch Butterfly</h1> <p><i>Danaus plexippus</i></p> <p>Animalia>Arthropoda>Insecta>Lepidoptera>Nymphalidae>Danaus</p>		<p>Journey North (citizen science tracking project) - http://www.learner.org/north/monarch/ Butterfly Conservation Initiative - http://www.butterflyrecovery.org/butterfly_resources/</p>	
		<h3>Monarch Migration</h3> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Monarchs from the previous summer overwinter in mountain forests in Mexico 2. In March they fly back, stopping in Texas to lay eggs before they die. These eggs hatch, the larvae eat and pupate, and new adults emerge. 3. These adults fly to Missouri and points north, reproducing until August. They migrate back to Mexico in September and October 		<p>Coloring Guide adults - orange wings with black veins and white spots on the margin, caterpillars - yellow, black and white bands around the body, chrysalis - blue green with gold spots</p>
		<p>The butterflies are so thick on the trees in Mexico that they look like leaves. Sometimes there are so many butterflies on a branch that the branch breaks!</p>		<p>Size wingspan 3.5 to 4" (9 to 10 cm) caterpillars 2" (5 cm)</p>
		 <p>adult</p>		<p>Other Characteristics In Oahu Hawaii, a white form of the Monarch has appeared and is becoming more common because birds are able to eat the orange form, either can't see it as well or don't think it is edible.</p>
	 <p>egg</p>	 <p>Jan Weaver</p>		<p>What eats Monarchs: Most are protected from predators by the cardiac glycosides they get by eating milkweed leaves in the larval stage. However, some birds will sample a butterfly to see how much glycoside they have before giving up. Birds: Robins, Cardinals, Sparrows, Grackles, Jays</p>
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