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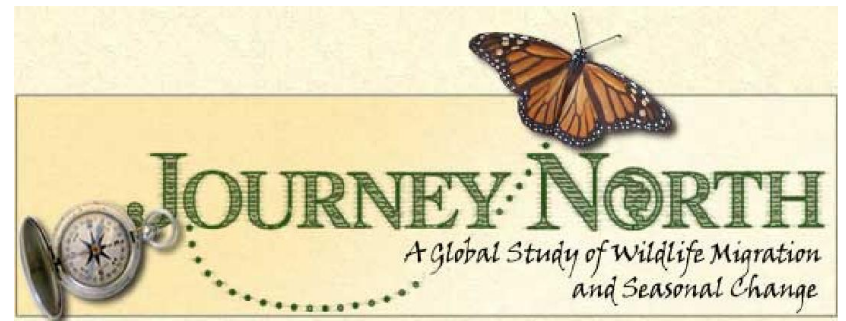


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Monarch Butterfly Migration Crossing Borders and Connecting People

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The monarch butterfly is a famous international traveler.



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Monarchs fly from Canada and the United States to spend the winter in Mexico. They travel across three countries and migrate as far as 2,500 miles (4,000 kilometers)!



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Monarchs have a special winter home in Mexico. Only twelve mountain-top forests have the habitat they need to survive the winter.



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The butterflies arrive in Mexico in November. Children look forward to the monarch's return every fall.



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The monarchs hang in trees in Mexico for the winter. The forest shelters them.



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Spring migration from Mexico begins in March. The monarchs become international travelers once again.



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Every fall, thousands of children in the United States and Canada send symbolic monarchs to Mexico.



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The ambassador butterflies carry messages of friendship and gratitude.



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The symbolic butterflies build bridges of communication and friendship. They symbolize international cooperation for monarch conservation.



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Join the Celebration!

You're invited to send an ambassador monarch to Mexico. Join the international community of friends united by the monarch butterfly!