

Monarch Butterfly Lifecycle

A monarch is an egg for 3-8 days before hatching.

After hatching, a monarch is a caterpillar for 7-17 days.

The caterpillar turns into a chrysalis. A monarch is a chrysalis for 8-15 days.

Milkweed is the key. Monarchs can't survive without it.

The butterfly has come out of its chrysalis. Monarchs hatched in the spring and early summer live for 2-6 weeks! Monarchs born in late summer may live up to 8 months.

Within days, males and females mate. Females lay eggs and the cycle starts again.

