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MONARCH WAY-STATION

Caring for the beauty
& the bugs

Cultivating Nature in
Your Own Space

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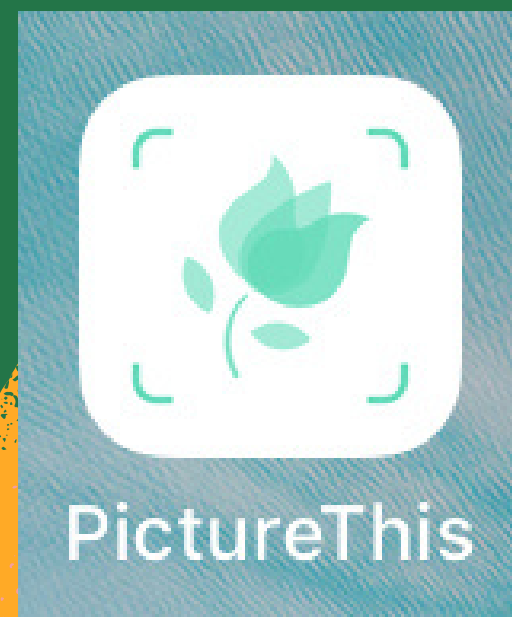
How to Know if it needs water.

If you can stick your finger into the soil up to your first knuckle and it is damp. It can go a few more days without water (if plants look sad feel free to lightly water). If it is dry it needs a heavy watering.



Apps to Know Whether Friend or Foe

There are many apps offered to help with plant, and bug identification. The two that I have found the most beneficial are Picture This, and SEEK by iNaturalist. Picture This and SEEK are both good for plants, and SEEK is great for animals and insects. Google image search works well too.



Types of Plants

Meley Blue Sage



Drought Resistant

In our area you will want to find hardy, and drought resistant plants.

Texas Lantana



Deer Resistant

If your garden is not fenced you will want deer resistant plants.

Zinnias



Perennial Plants

Perennial plants are categorized into two main types: woody perennials and herbaceous perennials.

Turk's Cap



Annual Plants

Annual plants can be categorized into cool-season annuals and warm-season annuals,.



If you need help with researching for the right plants for your area; use this link.
(Click on the underlined area). This will take you to the Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center Website.

Choosing the Right Plants

Choose plants that are appropriate for your climate, space, and care ability. Some plants require full sun, while others do better in shade. Also consider the drought possibilities, and the animal life.





How to Make Your Own

GUIDELINES FOR A MONARCH WAYSTATION



Size. There is no minimum area requirement in order to certify your habitat,

Exposure. Most butterflies and butterfly plants need lots of sun. Ideally, your Monarch Waystation will be located in an area that receives at least six hours of sun a day.

Drainage and Soil Type. Most native milkweeds and nectar plants are draught tolerant and do best in well-drained soils. However, there are some species that work well for wetter locations.

Shelter. Plant milkweeds and nectar plants relatively close together, but not crowded, to provide shelter from predators and the elements.



The Rules and Guidelines from Monarch Watch



Milkweed Plants. We recommend that you include at least 10 milkweed plants, made up of two or more species. Different milkweed species will mature and flower at different times, providing more resources for monarchs. .

Nectar Plants. Monarchs and pollinators need nectar. By providing nectar sources that bloom sequentially or continuously during the growing season, your Monarch Waystation can provide resources for monarchs throughout the breeding season and the fall migration.

Management. Have a plan to sustain a Monarch Waystation. Needs will depend on the features of your habitat, but they could include mulching, thinning, watering, removing invasive plant species, and incorporating additional features.



Pollinator Waterers

You will need a shallow dish to hold water that is not deep enough to drown the pollinators. You will want to put porous rocks in the dish as well for the pollinators to drink from and off of.



**Gardening is not only fun but
also beneficial to your
health and the environment.**



THANK YOU

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