**Monarch Migration**

Monarch butterflies migrate. The monarchs in the East fly to mountains in Mexico. It is 1500 miles. They do not mate before they migrate. They emerge from their chrysalises in September. Being in their chrysalises allows them to live longer. When they get to Mexico, they stay in Mexico City or just outside of Mexico City. Sometimes the branches of trees and entire trees are covered in butterflies. If the butterflies are in weather that is below freezing, they die. Some Cambridge College students tagged the wings of some butterflies and tracked where they flew and saw that they go to Mexico, which is how we know that the Eastern monarchs go to Mexico. The sun hits the wings and goes into their veins and turns into energy, so their wings sort of work as solar energy converters.