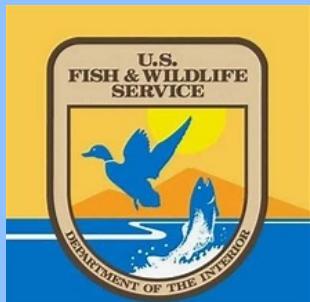
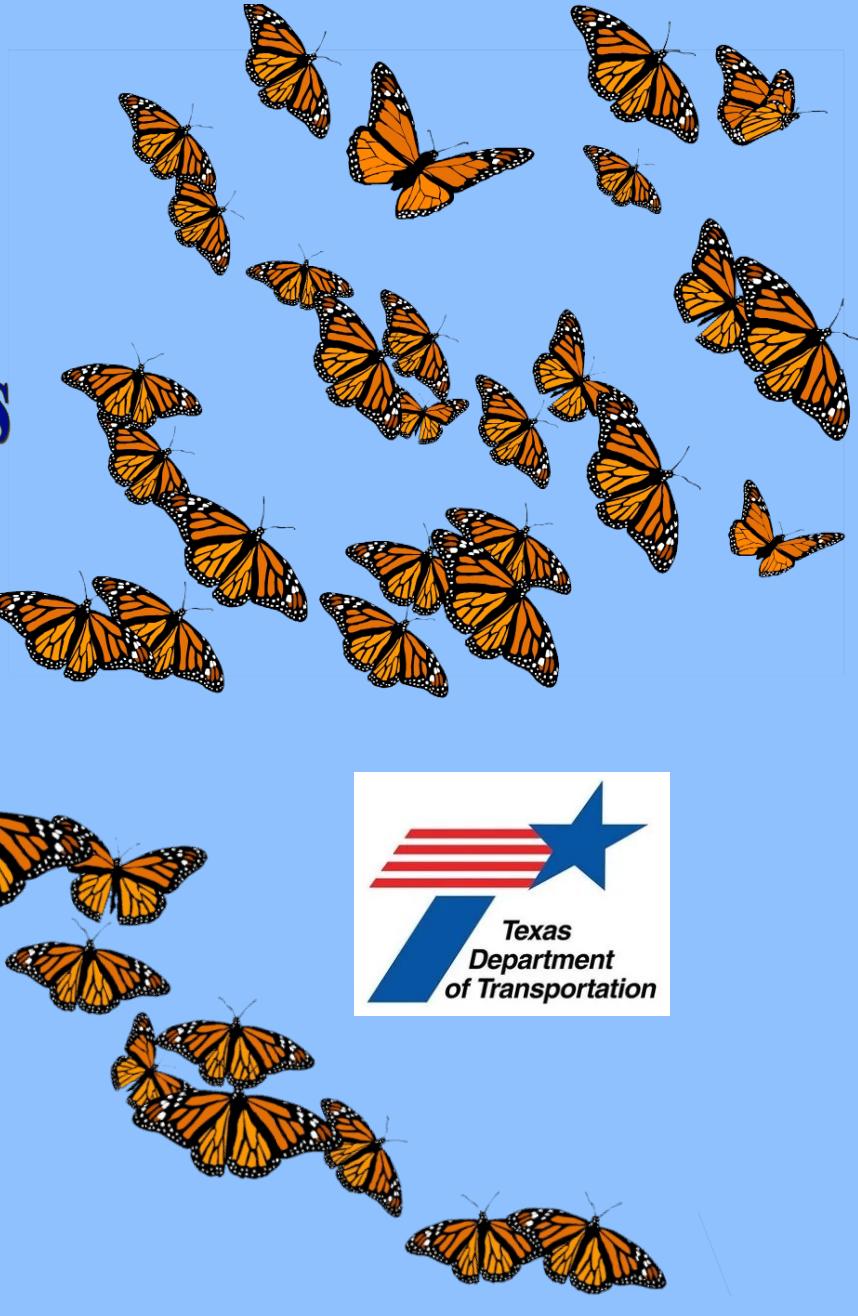




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I-35 Monarch Waystation - Safety Rest Area

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Interstate 35 - The Monarch Highway!

As described by Monarch Watch, Monarch Waystations are patches of habitat that provide resources necessary for Monarchs to produce successive generations and sustain their migration.



Female Monarchs only lay their eggs on milkweeds. Most of the Monarch butterflies migrate south to Mexico each winter and return north in the spring, traveling through Texas along a corridor that roughly corresponds to the path of Interstate Highway 35 - the Monarch Highway!



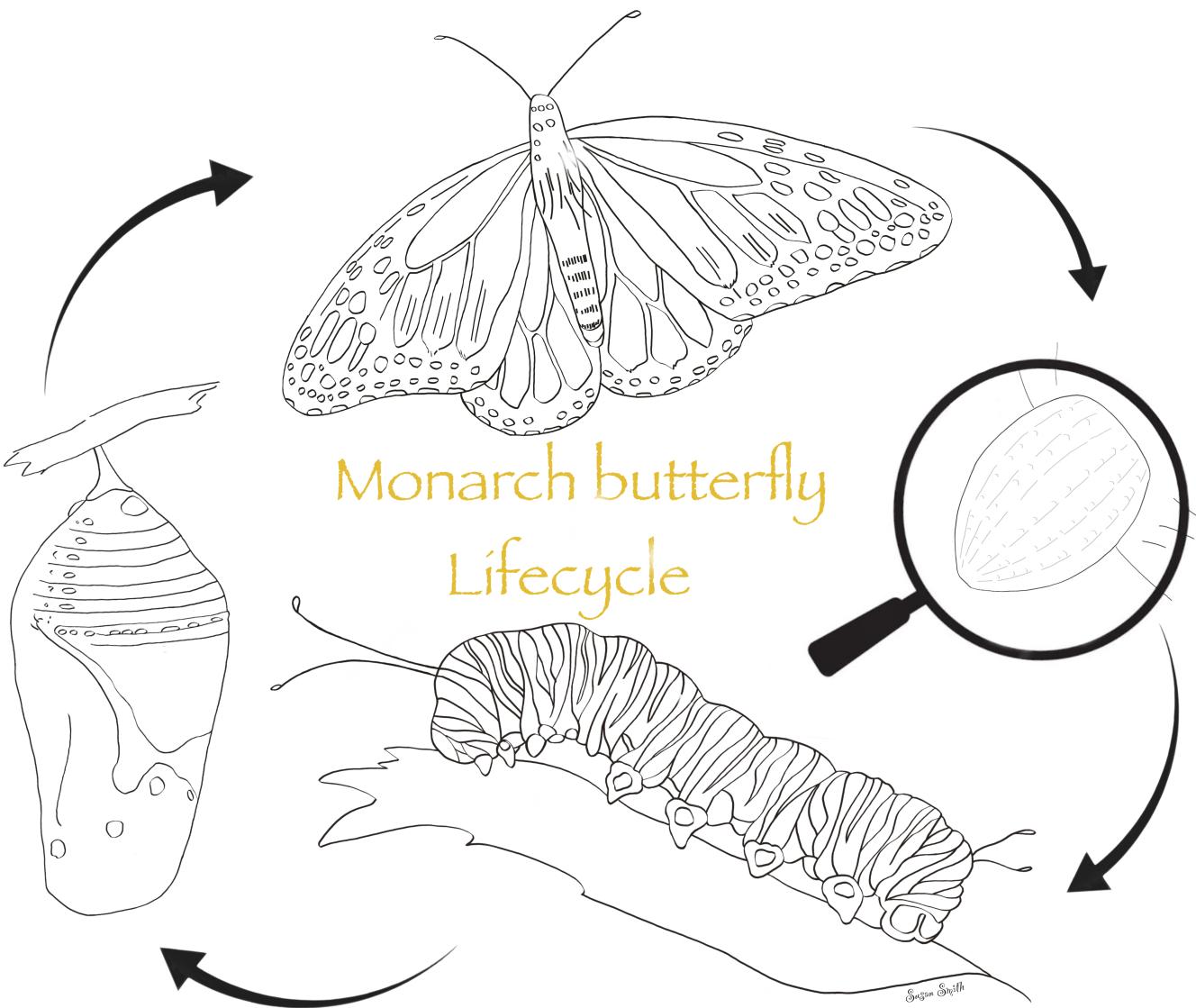
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Antelope Horns Milkweed, Asclepias asperula
Monarch Butterfly, Danaus plexippus
Small Milkweed Bug, Lygaeus kalmii



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Like all butterflies, monarchs go through “metamorphosis” to become adults. They transform from egg, to caterpillar, to chrysalis, to adult. You might see all four stages in a waystation in the spring.



Firewheel (*Gaillardia pulchella*)

Drawing courtesy Susan Smith, NPSOT Post Oak Chapter



Primrose (*Oenothera* sp.)

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Coneflower (*Echinacea* sp.)

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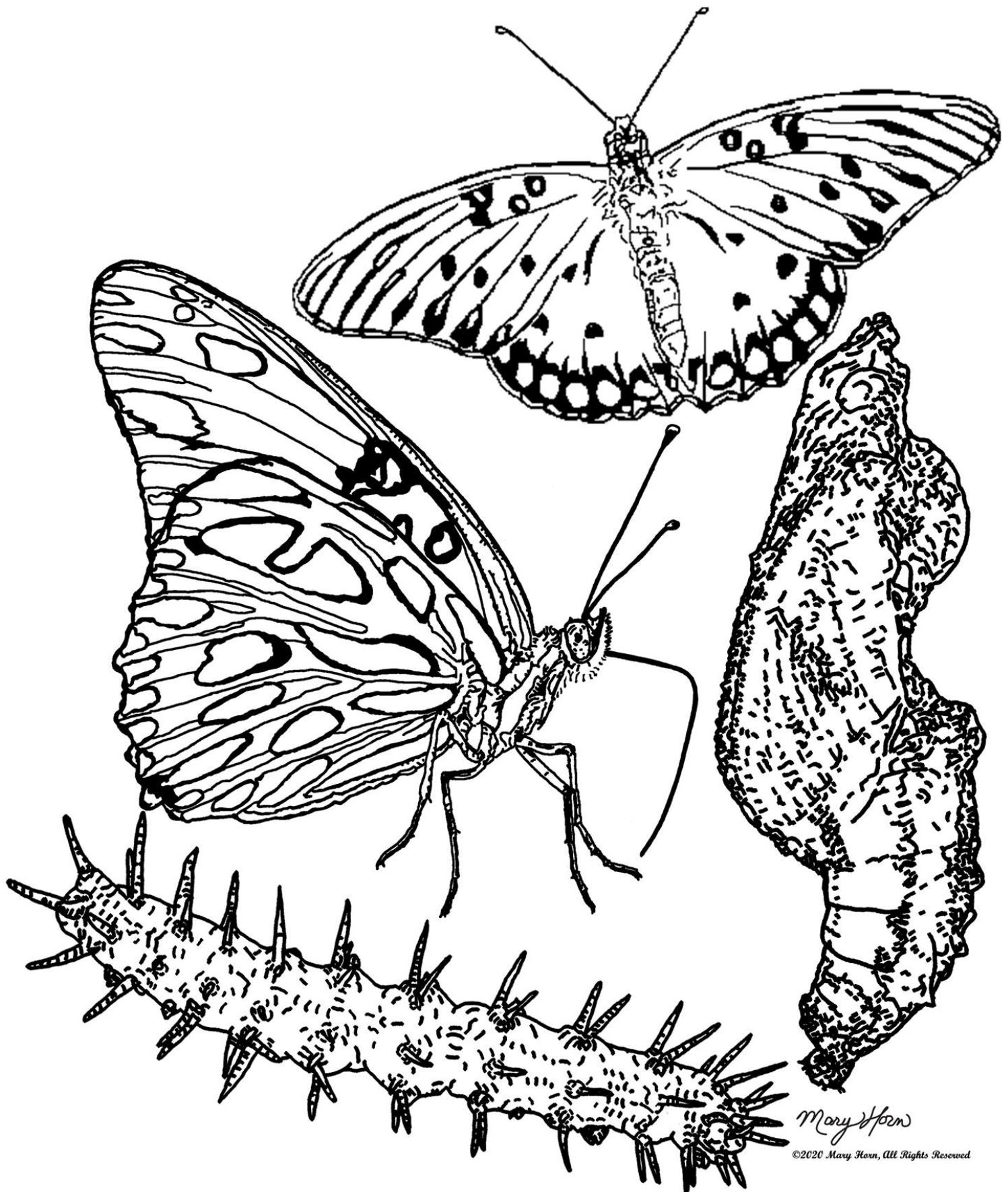


Purple Coneflower, Echinacea purpurea
Northern Cardinal, Cardinalis cardinalis
Southern Carpenter Bee, Xylocopa micans
Two-tailed Swallowtail, Papilio multicaudata



Purple Passionflower, *Passiflora incarnata* Gulf Fritillary, *Agraulis vanillae*

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Gulf Fritillary, *Agraulis vanillae*

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Frostweed, Verbesina virginica
American Bumblebee, Bombus pensylvanicus
Queen Butterfly, Danaus gilippus

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Sunflower (*Family-Asteraceae*)

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1. Bluebonnet
4. Sunflower
7. Verbena



- 8. Texas Sage 5. Green Milkweed
- 3. Blue Mistflower 6. Lantana
- 2. Purple Cone Flower



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Monarch Highway

1. The Monarch Joint Venture - Monarch Highway ->



<- 2. US Fish and Wildlife Service

3. Texas DOT ->



4. Native Plant Society of Texas ->



<- 5. Oklahoma DOT



6. Prairie on Oklahoma's
Monarch Highway ->



7. Oklahoma Native Plant Society ->

<- 8. Kansas DOT



9. Kansas Native Plant Society->



10. Missouri Native Plant Society ->

<- 11. Missourians for Monarchs



12. Iowa DOT ->



13. Iowa Native Plant Society ->

<- 14. Minnesota DOT



15. Minnesota Native Plant Society ->

A Monarch Waystation

This garden is planted with native Texas plants to attract monarch butterflies and other pollinators.



The monarch migration is one of the longest and most unusual found in nature.

Monarchs in Mexico overwinter to lay eggs and fly north to Texas. Monarchs eggs hatch as butterflies migrate north. Many young butterflies travel as far as 1,000 miles along the same route. It takes two to three generations to reach summer. At least two months of monarchs born over the summer make the long journey back to Mexico and stay until the next spring.

Did You Know?
The monarch butterfly is the official state insect of Texas?



WELCOME to the Monarch Highway!



Get Involved!

Monarch butterfly populations have declined sharply in recent years, partly because of habitat loss.

Help monarchs in your own neighborhood by planting the native plants they need. Their caterpillars need many kinds of flowers to give them the nectar they need to keep flying. Butterflies need nectar to fuel their flight. You can also support local groups engaged in conservation efforts. The Native Plant Society of Texas has the Native Plant Society of Texas area at www.npsot.org.



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