

## Web Sites Provide Resources to Establish Monarch Butterfly Habitat

Populations of monarch butterfly are still struggling across their North American range. They require milkweeds and other nectar-bearing native wildflowers to be planted contiguously across the landscape to support their amazing tri-national annual migration.

The North American Pollinator Protection Campaign, along with partners at the non-profit [Monarch Watch](#), have created the [Milkweed Market](#) to offer low-cost or free (for non-profits and schools) milkweed seedlings for pollinator gardens. Monarch Watch distributed more than 147,000 milkweed seedlings in 2018 through partnering nurseries in Kansas, Oklahoma, California, and Florida. Orders are now being taken to make sure suppliers can meet the upcoming year's demand. Preorders and early applications are necessary to help determine how many plants are needed.



*Monarch butterfly and caterpillar on milkweed. (Courtesy photo by Rob Routledge, Sault College, Bugwood.org)*

There are three ways to get milkweed seedlings for spring 2019:

1. Purchase young milkweed plants by the flat through the [Milkweed Market](#).
2. Funding is in place to distribute 100,000 FREE milkweed plants for restoration projects—large-scale habitat restoration efforts on 2 or more acres on both private and public lands. [Monarch Watch is currently accepting applications for spring 2019](#).
3. View information about a separate [grant](#) that schools and educational nonprofit organizations can apply to for one free flat of milkweed.

If you don't see milkweed available now, revisit the Milkweed Market later to see if they have added products based on new seed acquisitions. Contact [Dena Podrebarac](#) at Monarch Watch with any questions.