

# MONARCH CATERPILLAR

The Monarch Caterpillar is a herbivore. This means that they only eat plants and leaves. The outside of their mouths are tough and sharp for chewing leaves.

They grow from tiny eggs laid by the Monarch Caterpillar.



When they are ready to become a butterfly, they will make themselves a cocoon like shown in the picture below.



Caterpillar is the name given to insects which will turn into butterflies or moths.

They have a soft body that can grow very quickly every time they shed their skin.



## MALE MONARCH BUTTERFLY



Recent deforestation (loss of trees), drought and changes in global temperatures are to blame for the decline in Monarch numbers. Efforts are being made to make the Monarch Butterfly and Caterpillar a protected species.



One of the milkweed plants used by the Monarch to lay its eggs.

## FEMALE MONARCH BUTTERFLY

