

CREATING YOUR HABITAT

To become Texan by Nature Certified for your monarch conservation efforts, complete these steps:

1



PLANT NATIVE MILKWEED OR MILKWEED SEEDS*

Milkweed is the only plant monarch butterflies lay eggs on.

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PLANT POLLINATOR-FRIENDLY SPECIES*

3



CREATE A WATER SOURCE

This could be a birdbath, pond, fountain, or wetland.

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PLEASE ALSO COMPLETE ONE OR MORE OF THESE ADDITIONAL OPTIONS:

*Eliminate use of chemical fertilizers and herbicides**

*Remove invasive plant species**

*Provide cover for monarchs with a rock pile, shrubs, or native prairie grasses**

Create puddling areas by filling a shallow container with water and mud/sand

DOCUMENTING YOUR SUCCESS

The more we know, the more we can help monarch butterflies.

Please help us gather critical data by completing these steps:

1



TRACK YOUR HABITAT

*Tag monarch butterflies using tagging kits available from the Monarch Watch at monarchwatch.org/tagging/
Report monarch or larvae sightings via app or online at monarchlab.org, Learner.org/jnorth, or iNaturalist.org*

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SHARE YOUR HABITAT WITH THE WORLD

*Apply for TxN Certification at texanbynature.org/programs/txn-certification/
Send us a photo of yourself in the habitat you created at programs@texanbynature.org
Post your photo on social media using the hashtag #TexanbyNature*

*Visit texanbynature.org/programs/txn-certification/ to find information specific to your geographic region for native milkweeds, invasive species, native Texas plants, seed sources, alternatives to chemical pesticides, and native prairie grasses.