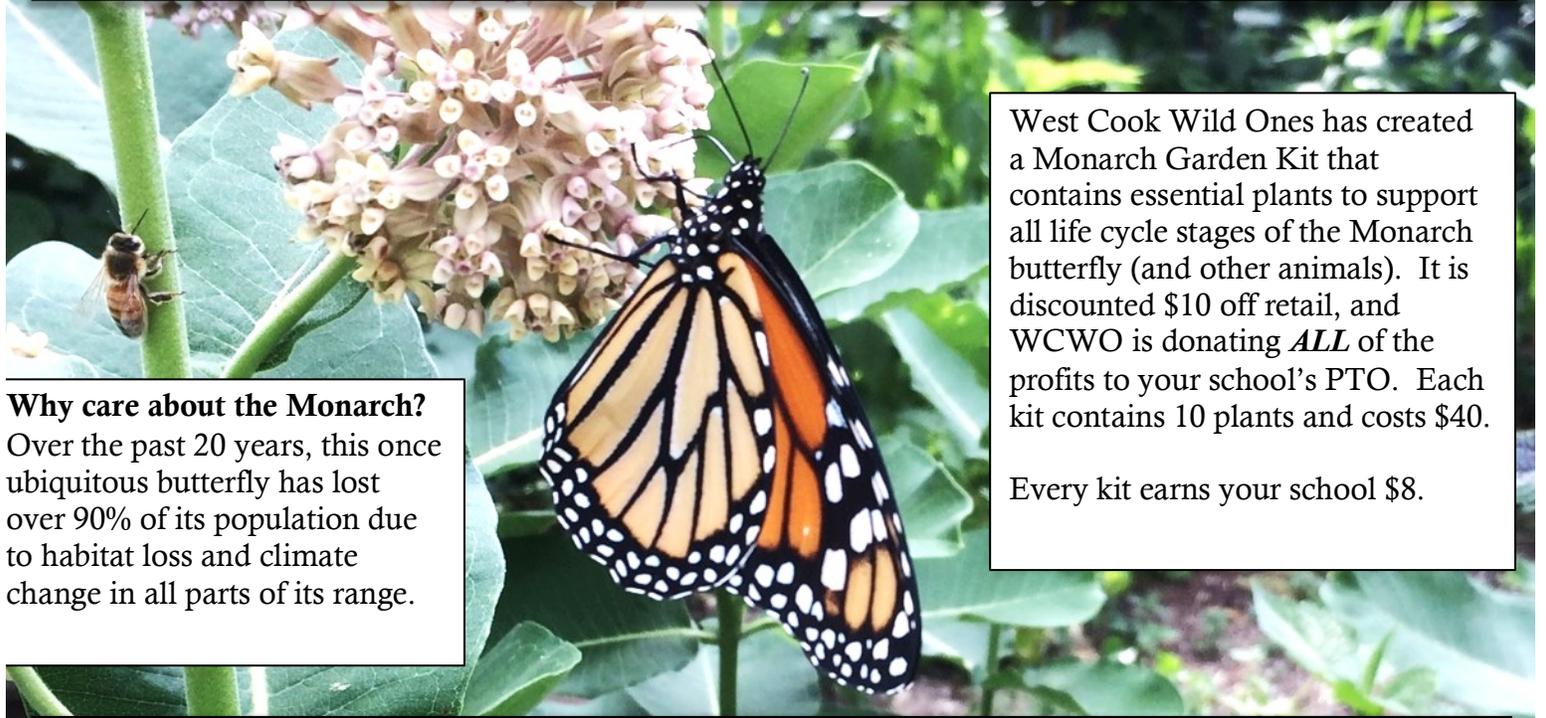


# SUPPORT YOUR PTO AND HELP SAVE THE MONARCH



## Why care about the Monarch?

Over the past 20 years, this once ubiquitous butterfly has lost over 90% of its population due to habitat loss and climate change in all parts of its range.

West Cook Wild Ones has created a Monarch Garden Kit that contains essential plants to support all life cycle stages of the Monarch butterfly (and other animals). It is discounted \$10 off retail, and WCWO is donating *ALL* of the profits to your school's PTO. Each kit contains 10 plants and costs \$40.

Every kit earns your school \$8.

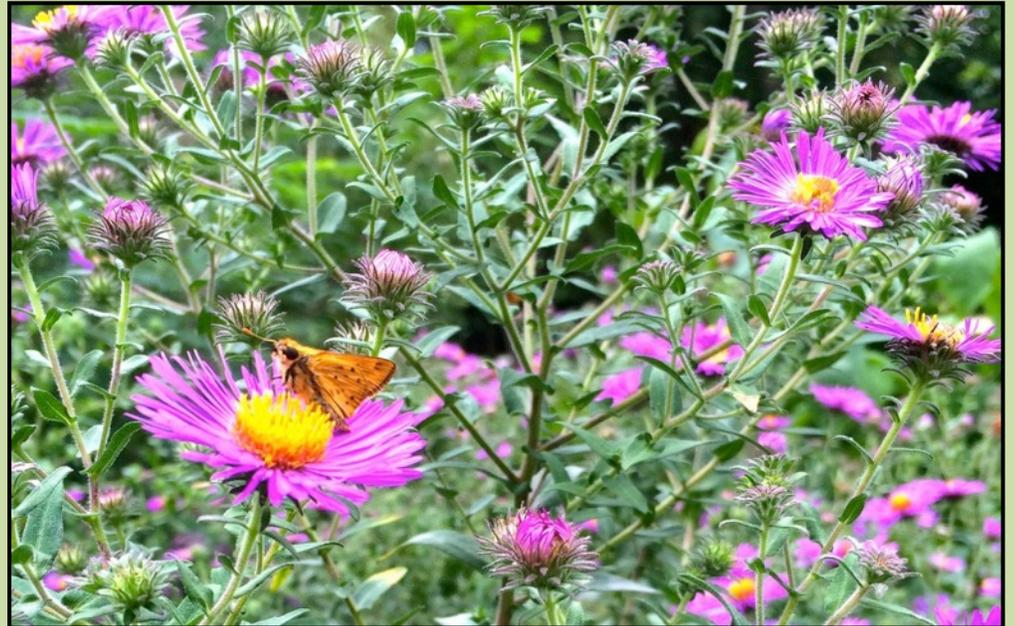
## HOW DOES IT WORK?

1. Go to [wild-ones-west-cook.myshopify.com](http://wild-ones-west-cook.myshopify.com) and select the Monarch Kit, which contains easy to grow, good for the Earth, locally grown native plants. When you go to your cart, there is a box in the lower left hand corner. In that box, state your school's PTO, and at the end of the sale, your school will receive a donation for kits sold. **The school code for Lincoln is "LincolnOP," and the last day to order is May 24, 2017.**
2. Pick up your kit on the day of our plant sale at Euclid Methodist Church's parking lot on **June 3, 2017.**
3. The kit contains Rose Milkweed (Milkweeds are the only plants Monarch caterpillars can eat). It also has beautiful nectar plants to provide early summer and fall nectar. Monarchs need fall blooming nectar plants to fuel their migration and gain weight for their hibernation. Goldenrods (do not affect allergies) and asters (not fall mums) are important nectar sources. The plants in the kit need at least 4 hours of direct sun per day.
4. The plants will require attentive care for the first couple of months. They will need to be watered, mulched, and weeds kept away until they are mature, which can take until next year.
5. **Don't use pesticides in your yard**—butterflies and caterpillars are sensitive to these.
6. **Register your garden** on our corridor map at [westcook.wildones.org](http://westcook.wildones.org). West Cook Wild Ones is a local, educational non-profit advocating for the use of native plants in landscapes.

## Favorite Plants for Biodiversity and Beauty

Here is a small selection of plants that are important to Monarchs (and other pollinators and birds). Plant densely for optimal results. Visit our website for more plant possibilities:

[Westcook.wildones.org](http://Westcook.wildones.org)



### Important tips about maintenance:

The success of a garden is directly related to the care it's given. During the early stages of your garden, it's important to do the following:

- Water young plants
- Weed and/or mulch. Know what young plants look like.
- Be careful with fall and spring clean-up. See our site for guidelines.

#### Top left: Rose Milkweed

Favorite host plant of Monarchs. Needs full/part sun and moist soil. Flowers very attractive to butterflies.

#### Lower left: Grey Goldenrod

Grey Goldenrod is a short beautiful plant that attracts many pollinators. (Also pictured is Blue Mist Flower another Monarch fall nectar favorite.)

#### Top right: Purple Coneflower

Backbone to the native habitat garden. Monarchs love coneflowers, as do other pollinators. Birds eat seed.

#### Bottom right: New England Aster

One of the most preferred native asters. Monarchs (and others) love this beautiful plant. Humans do too!