

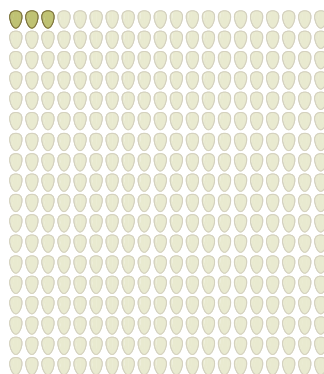
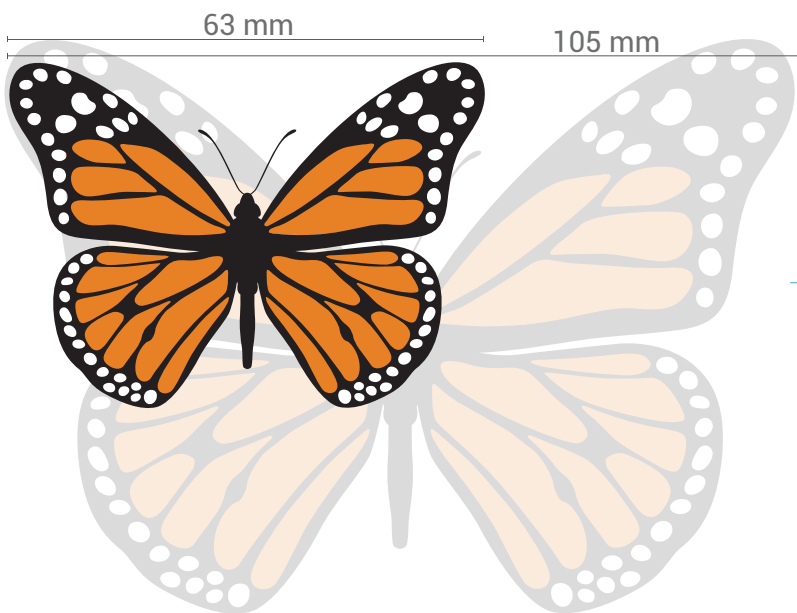
National *Flight* of the Monarch Day

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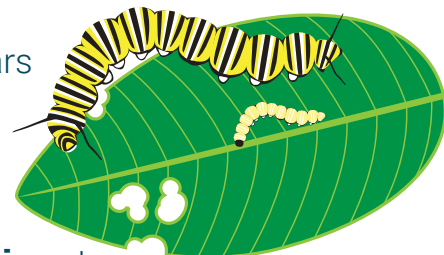
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Monarch butterflies are one of the largest butterflies in Canada, with a wingspan of 63 to 105 mm.



A female monarch butterfly will lay as many as **300** eggs in just a few weeks. BUT only **1%** of these will survive to become butterflies.

Monarch caterpillars grow REALLY fast: in 2 weeks or less, their weight may increase by **2700 times!**



4000 km



Monarch butterflies migrate each fall, flying as far as 4000km to reach their winter home. Not bad for an insect weighing about the same as a chocolate chip!

The monarchs we see in Canada in June are the great-great grandchildren of those that left Canada in the fall. So they've never been here before, but somehow they know just where to go!



Scientists are still trying to understand how monarchs find their way to and from their winter home – do they use the sun, or perhaps they have their own magnetic compass?

Monarch butterflies usually live for just 3-5 weeks BUT migrating monarchs will survive for up to 8 months, long enough to make it to Mexico.

The only plant that monarch caterpillars eat is milkweed, but monarch butterflies will feed on many different flowering plants.



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