



# BRING BACK THE MONARCHS



The City of Dana Point is committed to restoring the Monarch Butterfly population throughout Dana Point and Monarch Beach by increasing butterfly habitat. We're looking to the residents for their help in establishing butterfly gardens in their gardens to provide food essential to the butterfly lifecycle.

The plants below can be easily found at local nurseries and will provide you with year-round color and interest. You can place your butterfly plants either in a 3 x 5 area of your garden or in containers. Be sure your plants get all day sun and keep the soil moist. Monarch Butterflies love variety, so plan on including at least three different types of nectar plants.



## NARROW LEAF MILKWEED

*Asclepias fascicularis*

Host Plant

This California native is essential to attract Monarchs back to Dana Point! Narrow Leaf Milkweed is where the butterflies lay their eggs and a food source for caterpillars.



## CONEFLOWER

*Echinacea*

Nectar Plant

Coneflowers come in many beautiful colors and look striking in the garden! For a real showstopper, place multiple plants close together for a rainbow of color.



## LANTANA

Nectar Plant

There are many varieties of Lantana, and Monarchs love them all! You can choose an upright plant or one that trails through the garden.



## LILAC VERBENA

*Verbena lilacina*

Nectar Plant

The Monarch Butterflies will flock to your garden with this one! This native plant is a nectar source and blooms all year long. Be sure to buy pesticide free native milkweed.

### ADDITIONAL BUTTERFLY HOST PLANTS:

Native Milkweeds:

- California Milkweed - *Asclepias californica*
- Woolly Pod Milkweed - *Asclepias eriocarpa*
- Rush Milkweed - *Asclepias subulata*

Non-Native Milkweed:

- Tropical Milkweed - *Asclepias currasavica*

Non-native plants are readily available, but controversial.

Native Milkweed is more widely encouraged.

### ADDITIONAL BUTTERFLY NECTAR PLANTS:

Native:

- Common Yarrow - *Achillea millefolium*
- Showy Penstemon - *Penstemon spectabilis*
- Buckwheat - *Eriogonum*

Non-Native:

- Zinnias and Coreopsis
- Butterfly Bush - *Buddleia*

For more great plants, visit [CalScape.org](http://CalScape.org)

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