



Monarch Butterfly Bibliography

List compiled by Alison Jones Photography. Book Titles in bold type are encouraged reading. For book lists on photography, conservation and travel please see www.alisonjonesphoto.com or email: info@alisonjonesphoto.com.

Brower, Lincoln P., Mia Monroe and Katrin Snow. The Monarch Habitat Handbook: A California Landowners's Guide to Managing Monarch Butterfly Overwintering Habitat. Portland, Oregon: The Xerces Society, 1996.

Dingle, Hugh. Migration: The Biology of Life on the Move. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 1996. Dingle is an Australian entomologist who extended the definition of migrant to include fungal spores carried by seasonal air currents, comparing them to geese, robins and butterflies.

Halpern, Sue. Four Wings and A Prayer: Caught in the Mystery of the Monarch Butterfly. New York: Vintage Books, 2002. This offers details on monarch migration and most interestingly, portraits of environmentalists and scientists working in this field.

Hawken, Paul. Ecology of Commerce: A Declaration of Sustainability. New York: HarperCollins, 1993.

Hill, Julia. The Legacy of Luna: The Story of a Tree, a Woman and the Struggle to Save the Redwoods. New York, HarperCollins, 2000.

LaBastille, Anne. Jaguar Totem: The Woodswoman Explores New Wildlands and Wildlife. Westport NY: West of the Wind Publications, Inc., 1999. While not about monarchs specifically, this book provides passionate and scientific insights into many environmental issues throughout Latin America.

Melville, Elinor G.K., A Plague of Sheep: Environmental Consequences of the Conquest of Mexico, history of Mexico. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1997. Recommended by Lincoln Brower.

McKibben, Bill. The End of Nature. New York: Anchor Books, 1989. A wake up call that nature may no longer be able to rebound from our abuses.

Nabokov, Vladimir Vladimirovich, et al. Nabokov's Butterflies: Unpublished and Uncollected Writings. Beacon Press, 2000. "I found this collection of biographical essays and Nabokovian a compulsive reading, they portray an emerging great naturalist called away by his literary genius to create a uniquely beautiful blend of science and art." E. O. Wilson.

National Audubon Field Guides:

- North American Wildflowers (both Eastern and Western Regions)
- North American Butterflies



Oberhauser, Karen S and Michelle J. Solensky. The Monarch Butterfly: Biology and Conservation. New York: Cornell University Press, 2004. This contains the first publication of data compiled from two established citizen science projects, Journey North and the Monarch Larva Monitoring Project. It reports two major events of long-term importance to monarch conservation and biology: the creation of a larger protected area in the Mexican overwintering sites and a weather-related mortality event during the winter of 2002.

Pyle, Robert Michael. Chasing Monarchs: Migrating with the Butterflies of Passage. New York: Houghton Mifflin Company, 1999. A poetically written story of a researcher's wild butterfly chase – literally!

Russell, Sharman Apt. An Obsession with Butterflies: Our Long Love Affair with a Singular Insect. New York: Basic Books, 2003. Once you are hooked by the mystery of monarchs, this book will spread your interest to many other species of butterflies!

Quammen, David. The Song of the Dodo: Island Biography in an Age of Extinction. New York: Touchstone, 1996. Lee Pagni at Zoological Society of San Diego recommends this as an excellent read in conservation biology.

Tweit, Susan J. Seasons on the Pacific Coast: A Naturalist's Notebook. San Francisco: Chronicle Books, 1999. This journal is a celebration of biodiversity from British Columbia to northern Mexico, charmingly illustrated with pen and ink watercolors. It makes me want to move back to California right away!

Urquhart, Fred A. Monarch Butterfly International Traveler. Chicago: Nelson-Hall, 1987. An early classic in this field.

Wilson, Edward O. The Future of Life. New York: Vintage Books, 2002. “Wilson assesses the precarious state of the environment, examining the mass extinctions occurring in our time and the natural treasures we are about to lose forever, yet with a hopeful vision.

For Children:

Hoffman, Don. Wanderer: The Monarch Butterfly. Natural History Association of San Luis Obispo Coast, 1989. Available at the Santa Barbara Museum Gift Shop.

Poetry:

Aridjis, Homero. La Montaña de las Mariposas. Alfaguara/Santillana, 2001



A Selection of Organizations Involved with the Plight of the Monarch

LightHawk: www.lighthawk.org

Journey North: www.learner.org/jnorth/

Monarch Butterfly Sanctuary Program: www.mbsf.org

Foro Regional Mariposa Monarca: <http://www.foromonarca.net/>

US Fish & Wildlife: <http://www.fws.gov/>

Michoacan Reforestation Program: www.michoacanmonarchs.org

FAO Forestry Department: <http://www.fao.org/>

WWF Mexico: <http://www.wwf.org.mx/monarca/index.php> (Spanish)

Zoological Society of San Diego: http://www.sandiegozoo.com/cons_outpost/earth_friendly_choices.html

