

# Attracting Monarchs to Your Backyard with a Metropolitan Garden

No backyard? No problem. Urbanites like you can attract monarch butterflies with a large pot, window box or container on a patio or rooftop. City living won't keep you from enjoying the beauty of the monarch.



## Step 1 Good, Healthy Soil

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Find a container and fill nearly to the top with potting soil. Any quality dirt found at your local home improvement store will suffice.

## Step 2 Monarch Furniture

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Offer your butterfly guests a seat by placing rocks throughout your garden. After flying thousands of miles to your neighborhood, monarchs will be looking for a place to stop and rest.

## Step 3 Monarchs Love to Sunbathe

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Place your window box or container in a warm, calm location. Choose the patio or side of the building that receives several hours of sunshine and minimal wind.

## Step 4 Milkweed = Monarchs

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Monarchs are always on the lookout for Butterfly or Showy Milkweed — ask your local gardening expert which variety is native to your climate. Even a small milkweed garden in a large, deep container will help the next generation of monarchs grow. If you're using a window box, native annuals like Starflowers are adaptable and attractive to monarchs.

## Step 5 H2O for Monarchs

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Monarchs typically stay hydrated from dew, nectar and wet soil. You can turn

your garden into a refreshing spot for monarchs by making a "puddle station."

- Fill a 16-inch bowl with moist sand.
- Mix in a spoonful of compost (fruit, coffee grounds, etc.) and a pinch of salt.
- Dig a hole allowing the bowl to be flush with the soil.
- Add a few stones, shells or twigs on top.
- Keep your station damp and salted throughout the season.

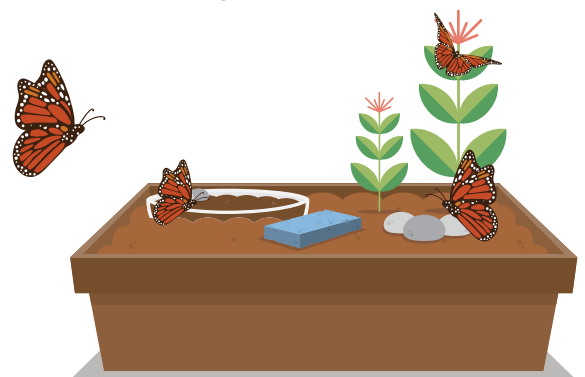
## Step 6 Monarchs Love Sugar

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- Mix a ½ cup of sugar into 5 cups of boiling water.
- Let it cool.

- Pour mixture over a sponge until it's full but not overflowing.
- Place sponge in your pot or window box.
- Refresh weekly.



## Nourishing Monarchs Together

As an agriculture company, we understand the importance of protecting habitats for monarch butterflies, birds, bees and other pollinators. We hope to continue to partner with fellow nature-lovers, conservationists, universities and farmers to create a more beautiful planet for all life to share. If we work together, share ideas and challenge ourselves, a bright future is ahead for both monarchs and people.

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