

# DID YOU KNOW?

Milkweed (*Asclepias* species, like the narrowleaf milkweed shown above) is the only food source for western monarch caterpillars. However- monarchs need more than milkweed\* to survive. Adult monarchs need native nectar sources, protected overwintering and breeding habitat, and habitat safe from pesticides.

*\*As a general rule, milkweed should not be planted within 5 miles of the Pacific Coast.*

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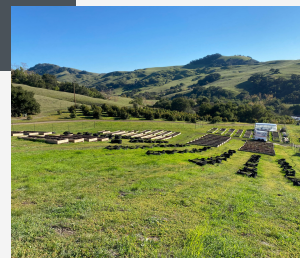


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## IMPROVING MONARCH HABITAT ON CANNABIS OPERATIONS

A how-to-guide on creating monarch habitat through establishing native vegetation essential to the western monarch population on properties under legal cannabis cultivation



Lessons learned through implementing demonstration gardens with funding provided by the California Association of Resource Conservation District's Gift Agreement with Legion of Bloom

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## WHY MONARCHS AND CANNABIS?

California Central Coast cannabis growers manage land that provides essential habitat for the western monarch population.

Cannabis cultivators are experts at growing plants and can use this knowledge to grow native nectar sources and species that provide food and shelter for western monarchs.



## MONARCHS NEED NATIVE PLANTS



Provide nectar rich plants that bloom sequentially throughout the year



Install during fall/winter to reduce supplemental irrigation needs



Prepare the site by removing existing weed species, preferably without the use of herbicides



### IMPROVING HABITAT FOR MONARCH'S IS A WIN-WIN:

- Reduces erosion
- Increases soil health
- Adds biodiversity

*UTILIZE EXISTING INFRASTRUCTURE TO  
CREATE ONE OF THREE TYPES OF HABITAT  
GARDENS:*

### 01. HEDGEROW

Install natives along and within existing fence-line. Take advantage of security fencing to keep deer away.

### 02. INTERSPERSED

Plant natives throughout property to reconnect migratory corridors.

### 03. ISLAND

Find a location on the property that can be improved or restored through native plantings.