

# Eclosion and Release

When they do, they need to hang to inflate their wings and allow them to harden in the right shape. Do not disturb them when their wings are wet. It will take several hours before they might be dry enough for the butterfly to attempt to fly.

Your butterfly needs to eat within a day after eclosion. There are numerous options for feeding butterflies. Blinque's creates our own artificial nectar using a recipe available in our blog section of the website. Cut fruit can also be offered.

Adult Monarchs live for a few weeks to a few months, depending on the generation. The last generation of the Summer will migrate and live the longest. The other generations do not live as long. It's important to release your butterfly during a warm, sunny day. The temperature need to be above 55°F or it will be too cold for them to fly.



## Disease Prevention

There are numerous diseases that caterpillars could develop. The best way to prevent this is to feed them safe food, remove old food before it can mold, and clean their frass at least daily. Sick caterpillars might change color, move strangely, or become very weak. If you suspect your caterpillar is ill, document the symptoms and contact us. The more information and images provided to us, the more likely we are to identify the problem.

### Reminders on Feeding Caterpillars:

- Younger caterpillars need younger milkweed leaves.
- Rinse off plant material and pat it dry before giving it to caterpillars.
- Monarchs will eat more and more as they grow.
- Check on them at least twice per day to be sure they still have food.
- Dried-out or withered plant material should be replaced.

### Contact Blinque's Butterfly Garden

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## Species Care Information

# The Monarch Butterfly

How to raise Monarch butterflies at home

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