





Monarch Life Stages

Monarch butterflies all share 4 distinct life stages: egg, larva (caterpillar), pupa (chrysalis) and adult, with their mating rituals typically happening in February. Starting off at the egg stage, female monarchs typically lay their eggs on the leaf of a milkweed plant and usually can lay between 300-500 eggs over a 2-5 week period. Following this stage, the eggs hatch into larvae, also well known as caterpillars. After a couple of weeks, through the stage of chrysalis, monarchs undergo metamorphosis, thus becoming a beautiful orange and black monarch butterfly!



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