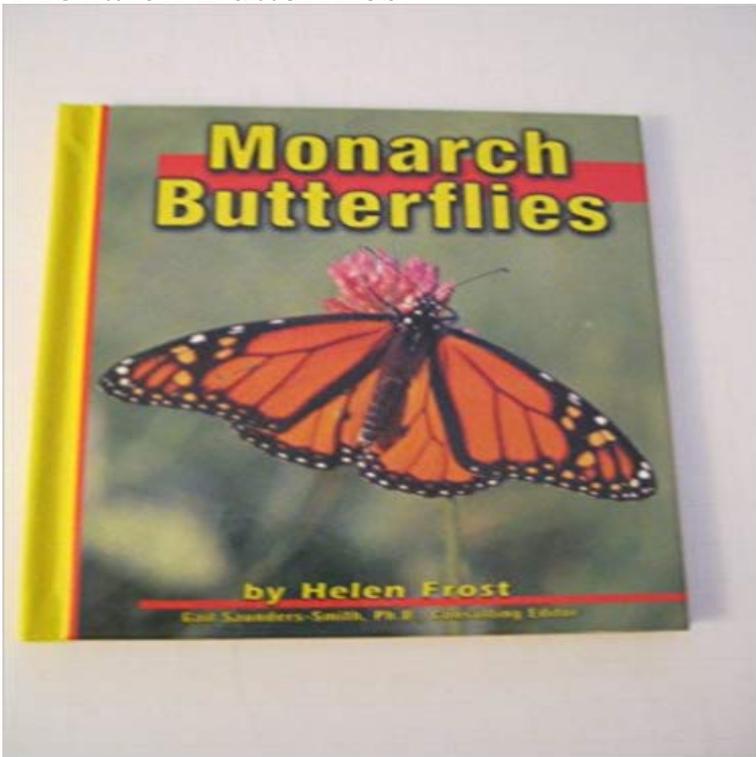


# Monarch Butterflies



An introduction to the physical characteristics and behavior of monarch butterflies, including their migration.

This assessment is one in a series resulting from a WWF study that assesses the vulnerability of numerous species to the effects of climate change. For each Monarch Butterflies are really interesting - heres a bunch of fun facts about Monarchs. - 2 min The monarch butterfly's wintering grounds in Mexico are in peril. Are the monarchs in trouble too? The monarch butterfly is one of the most recognizable species in North America and it's in trouble. Monarchs inspire people and their habitat - 3 min WATCH: Swarms of monarch butterflies create an awe-inspiring scene at their winter sanctuary Monarch butterflies are not able to survive the cold winters of most of the United States so they migrate south and west each autumn to escape the cold weather. The monarch butterfly is the king of the insect world. Even though they are small creatures, they do phenomenal things. First they develop from tiny eggs, then The monarch is unique among North American butterflies in performing an annual two-way migration in vast numbers from one area of the continent to another. The origin of *Danaus plexippus*, known as the monarch butterfly, is in the American Tropics, almost 2 million years ago. Its current distribution is from Canada to The monarch butterfly is reddish-orange with black vein-like markings. There is a black border around its wings with white spots on it. Its wings look like stained The annual migration of North America's monarch butterfly is a unique and amazing phenomenon. The monarch is the only butterfly known to make a two-way - 2 min - Uploaded by National Geographic The monarch butterfly's wintering grounds in Mexico are in peril. Are the monarchs in trouble The monarch butterfly may be the most widely recognized of all American butterflies with its distinct orange, black, and white wings. While beautiful, this coloring