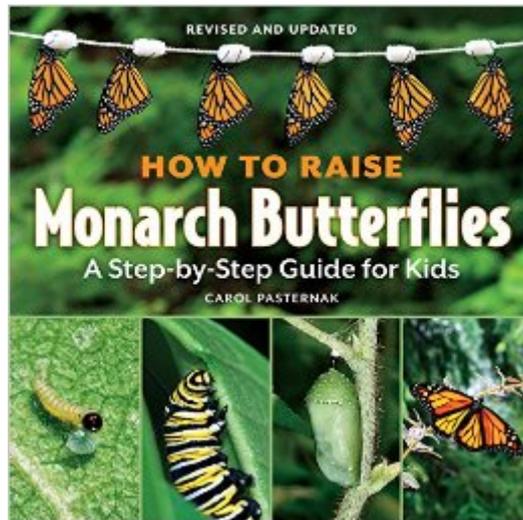


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# How To Raise Monarch Butterflies: A Step-by-Step Guide For Kids (How It Works)



## Synopsis

"The breezy and down-to-earth text ... nicely communicates the wonder ... Especially effective is the eight-pictured depiction of the development of the caterpillar into a chrysalis." --School Library Journal

Observing a Monarch butterfly as it transforms itself from caterpillar to chrysalis to butterfly is among the most thrilling experiences that nature offers. Raising Monarch butterflies is made easy with the help of this detailed guide. How to Raise Monarch Butterflies explains what threats Monarchs face today and how readers can help conserve the Monarch's feeding grounds from encroachment. Revel in one of the most remarkable miracles of nature. This updated edition contains:

- More than 40 new colorful and detailed photos
- More secrets to help you find eggs and caterpillars
- Instructions on how to feed a monarch and more details on their care
- Expanded information on varieties and propagation of milkweed
- New page on the diverse insects in the milkweed patch
- New suggestions for starting a butterfly garden, including a large photograph of an outstanding Monarch Way station.

## Book Information

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## Customer Reviews

Carol shares enough information in How To Raise Monarch Butterflies to give confidence and make your rearing experience magical. Her photographs give visual instructions as her words give written instructions. The magic of this wonderful transformation from egg to caterpillar to chrysalis to

butterfly is captured within the pages of this book.

My children, husband and I have been raising and releasing Monarchs for two years now. How I wish I had had this resource when we started! Carol's book is a delight to the brain, the eye, and the heart. It is not only well-written and informative; it is wonderfully organized and absolutely beautifully laid out. It is hard to have a book that is both a quick, satisfying read AND a thorough and easy resource to look back on again and again. Carol has accomplished this. The text is both fun and efficient--perfect for children and even adult beginners. My eldest daughter, who is in early elementary, devoured the book on sight (after wrestling it away from me!) Once they get a small taste, your children (and you!) could easily get hooked on this easy and incredibly satisfying "hobby." Carol will lead your family through the way graciously and thoroughly. And that's just the text and knowledge...if those don't blow you away, the photography will. Many of the shots are taken by the author and her family; she credits the photos taken by others. These are some absolutely amazing images, laid out so nicely. Simple, thought-provoking and inspiring. Once your children have feasted on the thorough but easily digested text and the gorgeous pictures, they'll get a taste of why this "hobby" is so important to their environment and, in all mushy honesty, to their hearts as well. Why collect, raise, and release Monarch butterflies? Many answers, surprising facts, and thoughtful ideas await your family. It'll open your children's hearts to nature and the environment as well, and leave them wanting more--and wanting to do more. Please consider adding this book to your collection (or your children's collection!) in the interest of Monarch butterfly conservation, or just plain old-fashioned science fun and awe. It's a window to the magic and simplicity of nature and a wonderful tribute to the gentle and mystifying Monarch butterfly.

I loved how this book encourages children and adults to get out and explore their world, to see that amazing, miraculous things can come in small packages! The organization of this book is wonderful. The step by step directions followed by unbelievable photos and very descriptive terminology would make anyone, child or adult successful at rearing monarchs!!! I absolutely enjoyed reading this book and I can't wait to share it with my students!! I also can't wait for more upcoming books by Carol!!!

This is the best book I have come across that is packed with great photos and useful information. My six year old granddaughter and I just raised 22 monarch caterpillars to the chrysalis stage. We referred to the book often. It offers suggestions if you look for your own monarch eggs or caterpillars, tips for "nurseries", how to feed the caterpillars, and even what to do if a chrysalis falls

or needs to be reattached elsewhere (use dental floss or glue). Since many of our caterpillars made a chrysalis on the underside of milkweed leaves, we relocated several by tying them with dental floss. It even shows how to tell if the chrysalis is male or female along with the difference on the butterflies. I'm happy I purchased this book!

I thoroughly enjoyed reading *How to Raise Monarch Butterflies: a Step-by-Step Guide for Kids* written and photographed by Carol Pasternak. What struck me first were the spectacular close-up photos of all the stages of the lifecycle of a monarch butterfly. Wow! After learning about the basic anatomy and metamorphosis of a monarch, readers will learn all they need to know about raising their own monarchs. There's a list of supplies to gather, tips on how to find a caterpillar (on a milkweed plant), how to raise the caterpillar and watch the entire extraordinary lifecycle before your very eyes. You'll also discover how to release your butterfly and what that creature will experience when out on its own. There are helpful Resources, a Glossary and Index too. Children will love doing this project with an adult and will feel like true scientists doing an experiment as they watch and learn. The book is well written, takes you step-by-step and is easy to understand. Each of the 48 pages got me so excited about the prospect of raising my own butterflies that I'm going to try this myself.

Great book...I highly recommend this book for anyone (young or old) planning on raising monarch butterflies. I started raising them this summer, and if I had read this book at the beginning instead of a month in I could have avoided a couple mistakes (i.e. don't put bigger caterpillars in with tinier ones. While the caterpillars are not intentionally cannibalistic, they are such eating machines that a tiny one could get chomped if in the wrong place at the wrong time).

An outstanding book for both children and adults. Very helpful in showing what to expect and giving practical advice in raising caterpillars through to the emerging Monarch butterfly. Photos are beautiful and excellent. I referred back to the book numerous times as I went through the process of providing the proper environment and watching the whole exciting process from bringing in the eggs to releasing the Monarchs.

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