

Mid-America Monarch

CONSERVATION STRATEGY

2018 - 2038



The eastern monarch population has declined by over 80 percent in the past 20 years. We are creating a blueprint to reverse the monarch population decline through a voluntary, coordinated, landscape-scale habitat conservation approach.

Monarchs were petitioned for being listed as a threatened species in 2014.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is assessing the status of monarchs and will determine if monarchs should be listed under the Endangered Species Act by June 2019. The Midwest Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies (MAFWA) led an effort to develop the Mid-America Monarch Conservation Strategy. The Service welcomes the Strategy's habitat goals as potential positive outcomes to improve the future of the eastern monarch population. The National Fish and Wildlife Foundation, cooperating state agencies and partners provided funding.

Purpose

To facilitate cohesive, coordinated, and effective conservation actions needed to sustain the eastern population of the monarch butterfly, including restoring, enhancing, and protecting habitat, and providing information, education, and conservation engagement opportunities to interested citizens.

Goals

To achieve habitat restoration and enhancement to support an average overwintering eastern monarch population in Mexico sufficient to sustain the eastern monarch population and to avoid a regulatory outcome or minimize its impacts (such as monarchs becoming listed under the Endangered Species Act).



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Strategy Boundaries



Mid America Strategy

Arkansas
Illinois
Indiana
Iowa
Kansas
Kentucky
Michigan
Minnesota
Missouri
Nebraska
North Dakota
Ohio
Oklahoma
South Dakota
Texas
Wisconsin

Northeast Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies (NEAFWA)

Connecticut
Delaware
Maine
Massachusetts
Maryland
New Hampshire
New Jersey
New York
Pennsylvania
Rhode Island
Vermont
Virginia
West Virginia

Additional Resources

U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service [fws.gov/savethemonarch](https://www.fws.gov/savethemonarch)
Monarch Joint Venture monarchjointventure.org
NFWF Monarch Page [nfwf.org/monarch/Pages/home.aspx](https://www.nfwf.org/monarch/Pages/home.aspx)
National Wildlife Federation [nwf.org/butterflies](https://www.nwf.org/butterflies)
Farmers for Monarchs farmersformonarchs.org
Monarch Watch monarchwatch.org
Pollinator Partnership pollinator.org/learning-center/monarchs

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