

Applications are open for Monarch Watch's 2026 Free Milkweeds programs!

Our Free Milkweeds for Restoration Projects and Free Milkweeds for Schools & Non-Profits programs award free milkweeds to qualified applicants, and through these programs, more than 1 million milkweed plants have been planted in restored habitats and gardens across much of the monarch breeding range. We're excited to continue partnering with people around the country to create monarch habitat. Spread the word about this opportunity with your community!











Free Milkweeds for Habitat-Restoration Projects

Monarch Watch will be distributing free milkweeds for planting in large-scale habitat-restoration projects for Spring 2026. Applicants must have a minimum of 2 acres (1 acre or less in California) to restore to natural, native habitat, and have a management plan in place. Apply on our Free Milkweeds for Restoration page (click the link or scan the QR code below). Those awarded free milkweeds need only pay shipping/handling, which is modest compared to the value of the plants.





Free Milkweeds for Schools & Educational Non-Profits

Butterfly gardens are a great educational tool! Schools and educational non-profits may apply for a free flat of native milkweeds for a public garden. Single flats of 32 plants (58 for Texas) will be distributed to recipients in Spring 2026. The application can be found on our Free Milkweeds for Schools and Non-Profits page (click the link or scan the QR code below).



