



MONARCHS

Monarch butterflies migrate between Mexico in the winter and Canada in the summer. They can travel over 100 miles in A DAY during migration!

Each year, fewer monarchs make the journey. 90% of monarchs travel through Texas on the “Monarch Highway” (IH-35), so TxDOT wants to help keep the species from becoming endangered.

Provide habitat: We manage our roadsides to provide wildflowers for food and milkweed for monarchs to lay eggs!

Understand patterns: Because there are multiple highways along their migration path, we are learning where they cross our roads so TxDOT can prevent collisions with vehicles.

Protect migrating monarchs: TxDOT is working with scientists to research ways to encourage monarchs to fly high above the road so they don’t get hit.

Want to learn more? Visit www.txdot.gov, keyword “Beyond The Road” to follow our research, read Story Maps, and download lesson plans!



View monarchs and other pollinators at TxDOT’s Safety Rest Areas along I-35:

- Bell County, Mile Marker 281
- Hill County, Mile Marker 362A
- Medina County, Mile Marker 130
- LaSalle County, Mile Marker 59

