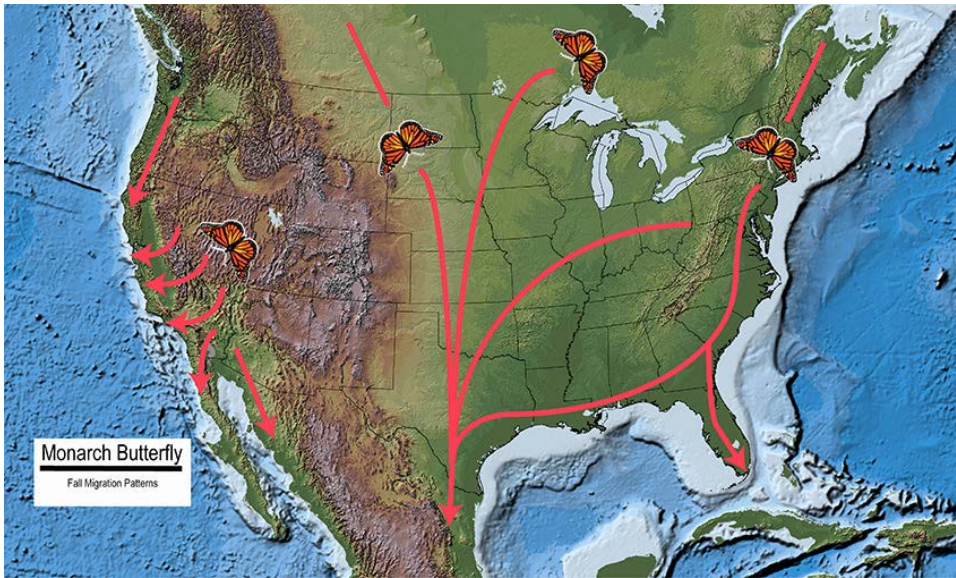


Flyways

Traveling South

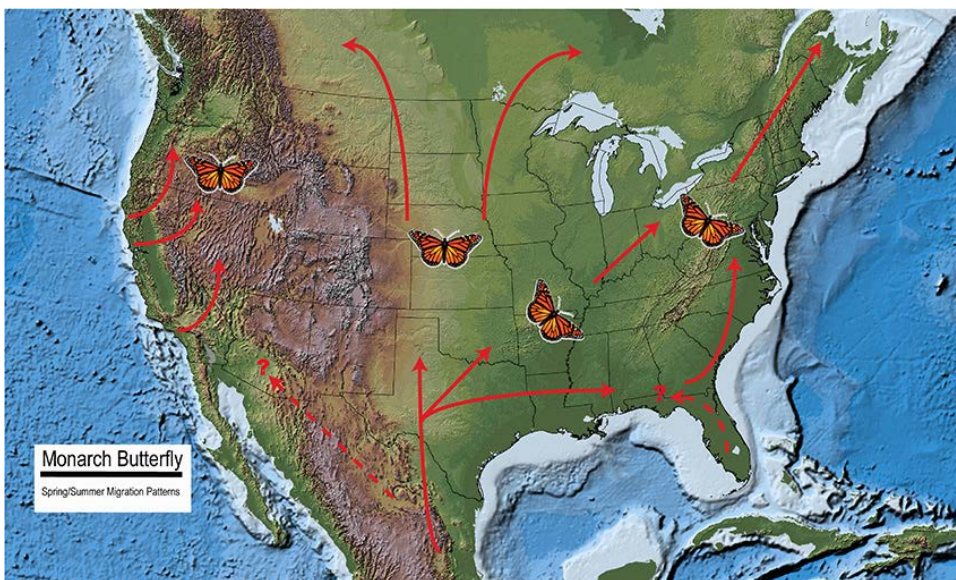
Eastern North American monarchs fly south using several flyways then merge into a single flyway in Central Texas. It is truly amazing that these monarchs know the way to the overwintering sites even though this migrating generation has never before been to Mexico!



Monarch Butterfly Fall Migration Patterns. Base map source: USGS National Atlas.

Traveling North

As warm temperatures and lengthening days arrive, the [migratory generation](#) of monarchs finishes the development they halted prior to their migration. They become reproductive, breed and lay the eggs of the new generation. This starts the northern journey back to North America. Unlike the generation before them, who made a one-generation journey south, successive generations make the journey north.



Monarch Butterfly Spring and Summer Migration Patterns. Base map source: USGS National Atlas.