


2021 Monarch Guardian Honor Roll


	<i>Name and comments</i>	<i>Location</i>
1.	<p><i>Mia (age 15) and Izabel (age 13) Harding, Sarah Currie</i></p> <p>We raised over 100 monarchs this year! We have been raising monarchs for three years.. We love learning more about monarchs a every year.</p> <p>This year, we found a new technique of finding caterpillars. At night, we shine a flashlight under a milkweed leaf and can see the shadows of caterpillars. It a time saver and makes finding the caterpillars very easy!</p>	<i>Williamstown</i>
2.	<p><i>Danielle Vaillancourt</i></p> <p>This was my 5th year raising monarchs, and my first year tagging them for Monarch Watch. I tagged 50 monarchs from the migrating generation this year, a combination of butterflies I reared and butterflies I caught wild in my yard. I saw a lot of wild monarchs moving through my yard this year in the late summer, more than last year, so it was no problem finding enough to tag. That was definitely the highlight of the butterfly season for me, hoping that my efforts would help scientists learn a little more about this year's migration.</p>	<i>Somerset</i>
3.	<p><i>Carol Duke</i></p>	<i>Flower Hill Farm, Williamsburg</i>
4.	<p><i>Nan Burke</i></p> <p>This was my 5th year of raising Monarchs, and my 4th for tagging eclosed Monarchs raised from egg or 1st instar. I raise caterpillars in outdoor cages once they reach third instar. This year, 21 Monarchs were successfully reared, and 17 were tagged (8/20 or later).</p> <p>On-plant predation seemed high in my garden. I observed NO wild cats over 1st instar, and I found many unoccupied 1st instar fresh chew holes. Leaves often had a variety of different types of bugs and insects, many of which will eat Monarch cats.</p> <p>This was the third year I tested for OE spores. This is the first year I found NO evidence of OE in my samples</p>	<i>Westborough</i>
5.	<p><i>Paula Chasan</i></p> <p>I raised and released 9 Monarch butterflies this summer and I have one more medium sized caterpillar still munching away. I have been raising Monarchs for over 10 years. There have been a lot of Monarchs flying in my yard in Hyde Park this year. (8/30)</p>	<i>Hyde Park</i>

6.	<p><i>Laelia (age 17), Ilex (age 15), Pieris (age 14), and Basileus (age 8), and Melanie Fowler</i></p> <p>We probably raised a dozen. And had so many monarchs visit my milkweed patch too and other gorgeous butterflies and hummingbirds too.</p> <p>I'm trying to get a handle on keeping the patch sparse of weeds to cut down on predators and competitors.</p> <p>E.O. is something weighing on my mind as well.</p>	<i>Burlington</i>
7.	<p><i>Deborah and Quinn DaSilva</i></p> <p>"I love seeing the butterflies take off and live a free and natural life" (Quinn)</p>	<i>Easton</i>
8.	<p><i>Rita Corey</i></p>	<i>Sharon</i>
9.	<p><i>Kelsey London</i></p> <p>This was such a wonderful experience to go through as a family! It was fascinating to answer the question of 'how on earth does that become the next thing' through actual observation. We found/raised/released a delightful shimmer of butterflies (24). I fully expect my girls will earn their own spot up on the guardian list next season!</p>	<i>Franklin</i>
10.	<p><i>Mary Jane Tucci</i></p> <p>I've been raising monarchs for about 3 years. It's been a good year - so far, 38 hatches. Monarchs and every other creature are critical to a healthy environment on this earth. It's the cycle of life for all of us. (8/30).</p>	<i>West Yarmouth</i>
11.	<p><i>Debra Felix</i></p> <p>Colton's garden is beautiful. We had way too much rain and our milkweed started to get brown and yellow spots. We snipped off the tops and got 2 new growths on every plant! So far we have raised and released about 20 butterflies from eggs and have started tagging them. Our grandchildren like to help feed our caterpillars and we invite them over when it is time to release them. (8/30)</p>	<i>Hideaway Hill, Wakefield</i>
12.	<p><i>Madeline Champagne</i></p> <p>This year Monarch eggs and tiny caterpillars were plentiful. When caterpillars climbed to the top of my large aquarium, I moved them into what I have named a Monarch Maisonette - a deep plastic salad greens bin from the supermarket with screening for open air at the top and screening on the sides. Ten in a Maisonette, plus instructions, makes a wonderful gift and spreads awareness and appreciation for these beautiful creatures.</p>	<i>Foxboro</i>
13.	<p><i>Julie and Jamie Canning</i></p> <p>We have currently released 9 and have 7 in chrysalis, 5 good sized caterpillars, and 5 caterpillars that just hatched 3 days ago. We have had more caterpillars this year than last year. The most surprising thing has been finding those last 5 caterpillars (as eggs) so late in the season compared to last. We have been sharing</p>	<i>Wrentham</i>

	our amazing experience and what we've learned with our neighbors and friends along with touting the benefits of planting milkweed to help support monarchs. We give away milkweed seeds (via Craigslist) for others to plant too	
14.	<i>Seth Sweet</i>	<i>Westwood</i>
15.	<i>Jean Wallick</i>	<i>Great Barrington</i>
16.	<i>Sylvia Almeida</i>	<i>So. Dartmouth</i>
17.	<i>Amy O'Neill</i>	<i>Sharon</i>
18.	<p><i>Rob and Jean Adler</i></p> <p>This summer we started discovered butterfly "eggs"! To our amazement, these tiny eggs, about the size of a grain of sand, formed the "tiniest" caterpillars, we had ever seen! With the consumption of lots of milkweed, these very tiny caterpillars grew to 2" long black, white, and yellow striped caterpillars! Nature's miracle!</p> <p>We carefully transported them back and forth to the Cape with us, steadying the box with each bump. How strong their spun silk must be!</p> <p>For all our efforts, our joyful reward: watching the natural miraculous stages of growth of monarch butterflies, happily releasing them back to nature, and knowing we protected them through the stages from egg to butterfly!</p>	<i>Walpole</i>
19.	<i>Laura Urko</i>	<i>Attleboro</i>
20.	<i>Jaime and Morgan O'Leary</i>	<i>N. Attleboro</i>
21.	<i>Alaina and Jackson (age 9) Thompson</i>	<i>Foxboro</i>
22.	<p><i>Robin Gross</i></p> <p>We raised monarchs as a family project when my children were little. I started raising them again the last 7 years when I was on my own, and now the grandchildren are excited about the process! I love to see the glee in their faces. It's a beautiful way to teach them the joys of nature.</p>	<i>Plymouth</i>
23.	<i>Andrea Samsel Mackey</i>	<i>Allston</i>
24.	<p><i>Lauren and Andrew Griffith</i></p> <p>This year I raised and released 8 Monarchs from eggs laid on Common Milkweed in our yard. I've been raising some of the first brood that shows up in our yard for about 20 years now, and off and on since I was a child before that. Currently our yard is full of common and butterfly</p>	<i>Wareham</i>

	milkweed, as well as lots of nectar throughout the season, and we love seeing all the butterflies and other insects that come by to partake of the buffet	
25.	<i>Linda Hunnewell</i> I raised and released 9 Monarchs, six from eggs and three from first instar larva. All were from my butterfly garden	<i>Lowell</i>
26.	<i>Sara Alfaro-Franco</i> Our count will be 200+ just like last year. For us, it was our best year with Monarchs, finding them, raising them and having them visit our garden	<i>Arlington</i>
27.	<i>Ruth Hersch</i>	<i>Arlington</i>
28.	<i>Lily Hope</i>	<i>Gardner</i>
29.	<i>Don Adams</i> This season I've raised/released 30 Monarchs all found here at 'Adams Farm' as either eggs or very small cats. As of this date (9/22/2021) I still have 4 chrysalides and two cats going. Also, as in previous years, evidence of predation of 'wild' larvae here was clear and I was able to find only two or so at 4 th or 5 th instar.	<i>Adams Farm, W. Bridgewater</i>
30.	<i>Deborah Friedman</i>	<i>Brookline</i>
31.	<i>Julia Shattuck</i> Found eggs in my garden after my dad accidentally chopped down the milkweed. Rescued the eggs from the milkweed in the bin, and successfully raised them into 4 adult male butterflies. (I am 22 years old - first time raising butterflies and looking forward to next season!)	<i>Winchester</i>
32.	<i>Alexandra (age 10) and Michael (age 12) Davis</i>	<i>Norfolk</i>
33.	<i>Lois Czachorowski</i>	<i>Walpole</i>
34.	<i>Janice Burnup</i> This is, I believe, our 10th year. It started out with a few milk weed with a couple of them to around 70 a few years ago. We let them do their thing outside with no assistance except planting appropriate flowers and encouraging milkweed growth. We are slowly adding to the flower beds so that one day we can become a Monarch waystation.	<i>Chesterfield</i>
35.	<i>Riverbend School</i>	<i>Natick</i>
36.	<i>Hands-on-Montessori School</i>	<i>Mansfield</i>

37.	<p><i>Knowledge Beginnings</i></p> <p>Every year as part of Planting a Garden unit, my class cares for Monarch caterpillars and the children enjoy the subject as well as participate in the learning experience. They get to learn about the metamorphosis, then we release them in our playground where we grow our garden. We get to see Monarchs throughout the seasons until they fly south.</p>	<i>Westwood</i>
38.	<p><i>Cooperative Nature School</i></p>	<i>Sharon</i>
39.	<p><i>Mahala Beams</i></p> <p>My last one emerged today, Oct 15, and I am so happy it is a beautiful warm and sunny day! All together, I have raised and released 22 successfully. I also tagged about 50 wild monarchs in Vermont for monarchwatch.org. Although 2021 was not as good a year from my perspective as 2019 was, it was a much better year for monarchs than 2020!</p>	<i>West Roxbury</i>
40.	<p><i>Lori-Ann O'Hare</i></p> <p>I have been raising Monarchs from egg to butterfly directly from my native pollinator gardens for 5 years. This year I did some citizen science for MonarchWatch and tagged the ones I raised. I raise up to 25 a season. All are found directly in my garden and raised and released here.</p>	<i>Weymouth</i>