



**MONARCH
JOINT VENTURE**

Monarchs Welcome!

Northern Great Lakes Visitor Center Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest

2011 Accomplishments

In 2011, volunteers planted hundreds of common, marsh, and butterfly milkweed along with other native plants in the Aldo Leopold Native Seed Orchard. Established in 2007, this orchard provides a reliable source of native seed for restoration projects on the Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest and Whittlesey Creek National Wildlife Refuge.

In addition, a hundred common milkweed were planted around the Northern Great Lakes Visitor Center. These milkweed plants and others planted in previous years attract monarchs and other pollinators to the 22 native gardens. Additionally, college intern students presented interpretive programs about the importance of monarchs and other pollinators at the visitor center during the 2011 summer season.



Figure 2. University of Wisconsin Certified Master Gardeners plant butterfly, marsh, and common milkweed in the Aldo Leopold Native Seed Orchard and Northern Great Lakes Visitor Center gardens.

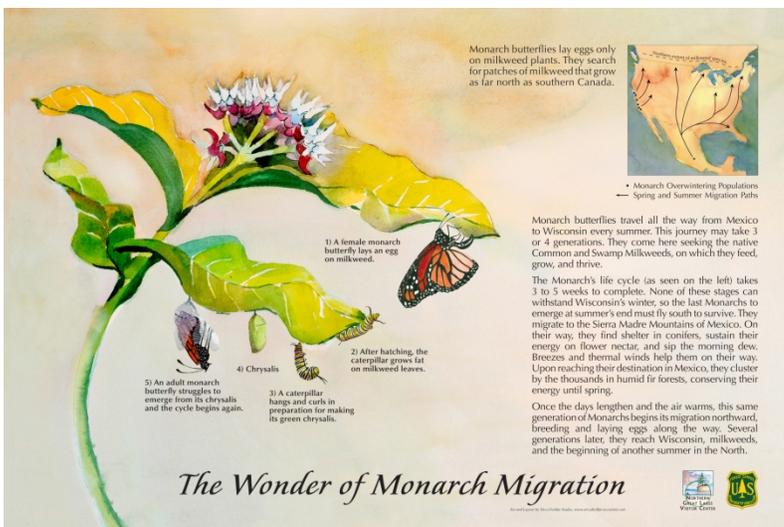


Figure 1. In 2010, four monarch interpretive exhibits were installed at visitor center and administrative office native gardens on the Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest. It is estimated that over 150,000 visitors view these exhibits each year.

Year Project Initiated: 2011

Project completion: September 2011

Report number: 1

Expenditures (through 10/2011): \$378

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