

Did you know monarch butterflies travel across the Texas Hill Country each spring and fall?

These amazing creatures are important because, like bees, they help flowers and plants grow. Plants help provide food for animals and people, but the butterflies need food too, so we build areas



for them to eat. They're called pollinator plots. With your help, we can work together to help save monarchs.

Create your own pollinator plot with your PEC seed packet. Inside the packet are native wildflower seeds that are important to help butterflies survive, so you'll be helping them on their migration journey.

Kids and parents: follow these tips for planting.

- Allow at least 100 square feet for planting (about the size of a parking space).
- Choose a location with lots of sunshine for plants and butterflies. Avoid areas with standing water or puddles.
- Plant milkweed 1-2 feet apart and plant nectar flowers following directions on seed packets.
- Avoid using insecticides and pesticides.
- Remove plants that have died or dried up.



Parents, students, and educators, visit **<u>pec.coop/monarchs-edu</u>** to learn more and access free educational materials.