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## Monarchs & Milkweed

Polka dots and lace  
Flirting with orange eye-candy  
Darting, twirling bliss.

### My Experience

One crisp fall afternoon, a swarm of Monarch butterflies dipped into my cozy garden to sip on nectar from the colorful blossoms of the Tropical Milkweed plant. One winged creature after another, they assembled to drink and dart about in a fairy-tale like moment of twirling bliss.

### About the Milkweed Plant and the Monarch Butterfly

Milkweed is the sole host plant that provides sustenance to Monarch butterflies as they migrate in their multi-generational journey across North America to travel South for the winter. This unique relationship between different species ensures the survival of the Monarch. "Providing monarchs with enough milkweed and nectar plants, even in small areas, can help put them on the road to recovery. Working together, we can help make this extraordinary species a legacy for our children and generations to come." US Fish and Wildlife Service: <https://www.fws.gov/press-release/2024-12/monarch-butterfly-proposed-endangered-species-act-protection>

