

# Children's Pollinator Gardens



## The Butterfly: “Accidental Pollinator”

- Approximately 146 species in Minnesota, worldwide 20,000
- Lifestages: egg, larva, pupa and adult
  - Eggs are laid on Milkweed plants
  - Larva eat leaves of Milkweed, pupa attach to leaves
  - Adults emerge & seek out flower nectar for flight energy
- Lifespan: Adult, approximately one year
- Most common in Minnesota: Monarch
- Migration from Mexico to Minnesota can span five generations
- Attracted to: red, yellow, orange and purple flowers with flat petals to land or nap on, like Zinnia
- Called “accidental pollinator” because legs are not hairy

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