

Awhile back I've asked a simple question by email to the major Scientists and Experts involved in tagging and or preserving the monarch butterflies.

Below there is a text copy of some of those who did reply to my question:

“Hello,

Do you know if a study has been done regarding the legitimacy of the migratory monarchs been caught in parks, gardens. etc... Are these all really Wild?

It seems to me that all people catching monarchs with a net anywhere would automatically record them as Wild in the database sheet. Could some of them being reared a few blocks or 100 km away?

Due to the hundreds of thousands of people rearing monarchs all across North America there could be a possibility that some of them may be home reared, and yet the tagging recorded sheets will always show Wild simply because it was caught in a public park.

In my humble opinion unless someone can tell the difference from a monarch in flight whether is wild or reared, they could be feeding the wrong information to the Experts by simply assuming is Wild.

If that is the case all the monarchs found in the Mexican sanctuaries floors tagged W do not represent the real data. Any thoughts on that?

Thanks,

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<https://www.facebook.com/groups/299958150869056> “

Scroll below for some of their answers.

<http://savethemonarchbutterfly.ca/chip-taylor-answer.pdf> (monarchwatch.org)

<http://savethemonarchbutterfly.ca/monarchjointventure.org-answer.pdf>

<http://savethemonarchbutterfly.ca/saveourmonarch.org-answer.pdf>

<http://savethemonarchbutterfly.ca/tony-gomez-reply.pdf> (monarchbutterflygarden.net)

<http://savethemonarchbutterfly.ca/xerces-society-reply.pdf> (xerces.org)

<http://savethemonarchbutterfly.ca/andy-davis-answer.pdf> (monarchscience.org)

It seems to me that some of our Scientists where either too busy or didn't have enough time to investigate the monarch rearing phenomena that is been going on for years in these social media groups. I personally think that all the Citizen Scientist like ourselves should try to make them realize that we do exist and in our own way we are also trying to help the monarch butterfly population. The rearing data they'll be looking for their future studies is all over these facebook groups, and I'm sure by contacting some of their Admin they could have an idea of the huge numbers of monarch butterflies released yearly.

This type of activity is no longer done by a few Grandma's with the old jar and a few cats, we are an army full of professional butterfly habitats of all sizes in our own homes, schools, retirement homes, clubs, etc... and working very hard during the monarch breeding season simply because we care and most of us think we are doing the right thing.

If you're involved in any monarch rearing groups spread the word and let everyone know to contact our scientific communities experts and let them know about your rearing activities ASAP.

We cannot wait another thirty years for them to collect more data, and neither can the monarch butterflies. Please send an email to monarchwatch.org and also to monarchjointventure.org and let them know how long have you been doing it and the yearly released if possible, this will help their studies in the future to be more accurate in order to help the future well being of the monarchs.

This page has the list of the facebook groups that I've joined and I'm sure there are many more out there: <http://savethemonarchbutterfly.ca/leo-fb-list.pdf>

Are you presently involved or thinking about rearing monarchs?

This is what could happen once you raise just ONE or TWO monarch eggs:

<http://www.savethemonarchbutterfly.ca/egg-to-butterfly.pdf>

(I'm not a mathematician and these numbers maybe off, however the outcome remains valid, the bigger is the number going south the bigger will be coming north the following spring.)

As someone once said: " Evil and Failure will prevail when good man does Nothing!"