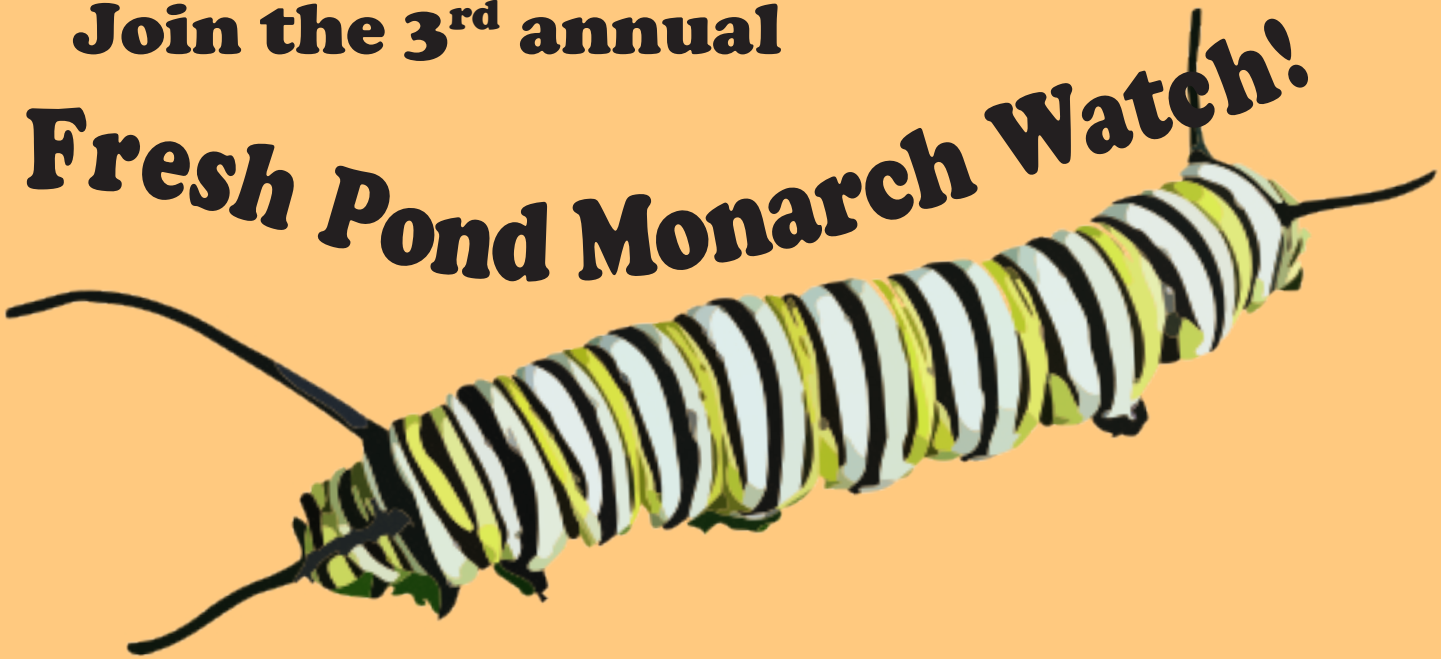


Join the 3rd annual Fresh Pond Monarch Watch!



What's This All About?

This project is aimed at protecting and boosting the monarch butterfly population at Fresh Pond through community teamwork between Reservation staff and **folks like you**. We're raising monarch caterpillars for release in August, **and working to improve meadow habitat around the reservation while they grow**. We are excited to partner with Neville Place for this project!

Why Monarchs, Why Here?

Migratory monarchs are in decline. Milkweed loss (the plant they depend on) and loss of overwintering habitat in Mexico are probable causes. Since eastern monarchs migrate from maritime Canada all the way to Mexico, each habitat link along their way is crucial! We're ensuring that Fresh Pond is a good "waystation" on their journey - as well as a good place for their young.



Take Part!

Join a volunteer session, **learn more** about the monarchs at our "caterpillar check-ups" and **visit** them at the Ranger Station as they grow! **Be our eyes on the Reservation** - let us know if you see a monarch here, and we'll post your find at the Station and on the web.



For more info and to report a sighting:

Contact Martine at (617) 349-6489 / mwong@cambridgema.gov. Or, check out updates and great online resources on the project page at: www.cambridgema.gov/water/freshpondreservation.