



Help Us Help the Monarch's!



Collect Common Milkweed Seed Pods

Bring pods to Wayne SWCD September 1st – October 31st!



WHEN: Sept. 1- Oct. 31st 2017
WHAT: Common Milkweed Seed Pods
WHERE: Drop off at Wayne SWCD
(Soil & Water Conservation District)
Office located at 428 W. Liberty St.
Wooster, Oh 44691 in the County
Administration Building. M-F 8-4:30

Pollinator species are experiencing population declines across the United States. The monarch butterfly has drastically declined here in Ohio and in the

wintering grounds of Mexico. In response to this decline, Wayne SWCD is participating in a Statewide Milkweed Pod Collection in an effort to increase the number of new milkweed stems in the future.

Milkweed is essential to the survival of monarch butterflies in Ohio and Ohio is a priority area for monarchs.

The monarch butterflies that hatch here in the summer migrate to Mexico for the winter and are responsible for starting the life cycle all over again in the spring. Please join us in this effort to reinvigorate the Monarch population. **Together, we can make a difference.**

For MORE Information:

[Wayne SWCD 330-262-2836](tel:330-262-2836)

[Www.wayneswcd.org](http://www.wayneswcd.org)

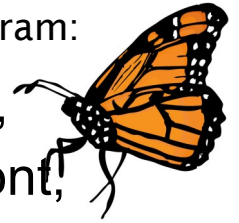
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Milkweed is the sole host plant for Monarch butterflies. This particular plant is lacking on the landscape and has had a direct effect on Monarch populations. All milkweed pods collected during this time will be processed by OPHI partners and all of the seed collected will be used to establish new plantings and create additional habitat for the Monarch Butterfly throughout Ohio.

If you don't live in Wayne County, there are other Counties in Ohio that also have Soil and Water Conservation District's (SWCD's) involved in the Milkweed Seed Pod Collection. Listed Below other counties in the program:

Adams, Allen, Ashtabula, Athens, Auglaize,
Belmont, Brown, Butler, Carroll, Clark, Clermont,
Columbiana, Coshocton, Cuyahoga, Darke, Defiance,
Delaware, Erie, Fairfield, Fayette, Franklin, Gallia, Geauga,
Greene, Guernsey, Hancock, Harrison, Hamilton, Hocking,
Holmes, Jackson, Lawrence, Licking, Logan, Lorain, Lucas,
Madison, Mahoning, Medina, Meigs, Mercer, Miami,
Monroe, Montgomery, Muskingum, Noble, Ottawa,
Paulding, Pike, Preble, Richland, Ross, Scioto, Seneca,
Shelby, Stark, Summit, Trumbull, Union, Van Wert, Vinton,
Washington, Warren, Wayne Williams, and Wyandot.



PLEASE CONTACT ONE OF THESE LOCAL SWCD OFFICES TO HELP!

Collecting Seed Pods

- Seed pods from common or swamp milkweed should be collected when the pods are dry and gray or brown in color. If the center seam pops with gentle pressure, they can be picked.
- It is best to collect pods into paper bags or paper grocery sacks.
- Please mark on the sack: the county in which the milkweed came from, date/time and if other than common milkweed; which species of milkweed was collected. (if known)
- Avoid using plastic bags because they attract moisture. Store seeds in a cool, dry area until you can deliver to the closest pod collection area. (See SWCD offices listed above)
- Harvesting pods from milkweed plants does not have any effect on the population of milkweed in established areas.
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