

Monarch Butterfly

This year we welcomed back the first monarch butterfly of the year on July 16th. They are a super-welcome visitor, as know how amazing they are and how their numbers have been in decline in recent years.

Monarchs go through four generations in one year, and some have very short life spans of hours or a couple weeks. The generation that migrates can live as long as nine months. In October of 2016 I got to go to Cape May, NJ, to watch the migrating monarchs and raptors. Pretty amazing.

When I'm photoing monarchs, I can tell that they know I'm there; they seem remarkably awake and aware.

