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## Find Out How You Can Support Your Local Monarchs

Monarch butterflies are in peril. The only food the caterpillars eat, milkweed, is fast disappearing. Hidden Oaks Nature Center, a facility of Fairfax County Park Authority, is distributing free native milkweed seeds plus providing gardening and butterfly conservation tips now through June. Visit in early June to see monarch caterpillars start their metamorphosis into the iconic butterfly which is currently under consideration as an endangered species.

Monarch conservation and resource information is available online at <http://bit.ly/FCPAstewardship>. Free seed packets are available at Hidden Oaks Nature Center. For more information about this topic, the nature center or other stewardship initiatives visit online at [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/hiddenoaks/](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/hiddenoaks/). Public monarch butterfly tagging programs which support monarch butterfly conservation begin at Hidden Oaks in September.

Hidden Oaks Nature Center is located at 7701 Royce Street in Annandale, Va. For more information please call 703-941-1065.

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