

Audubon Log

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WHAT'S HAPPENING

Catch and Tag a Migrating Monarch!



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Gloria Gaie of Green Bay successfully stalks a nectaring monarch from behind. Gloria and Ed Smith caught and tagged 12 monarchs on Labor Day.

NEW Audubon members now have an opportunity to participate in the North American migration of monarch butterflies as they move through the Green Bay and Appleton areas enroute to Mexico. The past five years members Randy Korb, Connie Roop and students at Appleton North High School have caught and tagged hundreds of migrating monarchs in early September. Now they would like you and others to join the fun!

Like bird banding, numbered wing tags safely identify individual monarchs and can supply important information on migration routes if recaptured. One of 275 monarchs tagged last year traveled 1,835 miles and was found in Mexico in February!

On Labor Day, about 50 Audubon members and others tagged 140 monarchs in just 1.5 hours in a field north of Green Bay. We'll be tagging again in fields near Appleton Saturday, September 6 and Sunday, September 7 and in Green Bay Saturday, September 13.

Before driving to the tagging fields we will meet indoors for short presentations from noon to about 12:45. We will meet at noon at Heckrodt Wetland Reserve in Menasha on September 6, the Memorial Park Arboretum in Appleton on Sunday, September 7 and Saturday, September 13 at the Brown County southwest branch library in Green Bay on Ninth Street. Randy will give information on the migration, demonstrate proper netting and tagging techniques and provide road directions to the tagging fields.

This event is FREE to NEW Audubon members but pre-registration is required. The fee for non-members is \$5 per adult and \$3 per child 12 years and under. Non-members may join NEW Audubon on the tagging dates at the meeting locations. To pre-register contact Randy Korb by email at randykorb@hotmail.com or phone 920.884.0466 and leave a message.



Monarch t-shirts will be available on the tagging day in children's and adult sizes.

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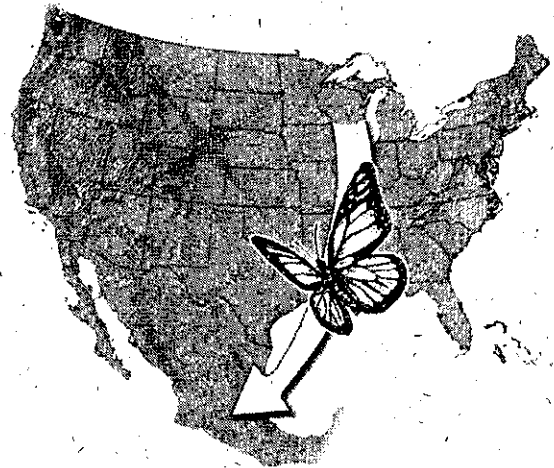
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MEXICO MONARCH TOURS

Randy and Peter Korb will lead three tours to the monarch butterfly over wintering areas in central Mexico this winter. Several NEW Audubon members have taken advantage of this unique opportunity in past years, joining the Korb brothers to experience Mexico's rich culture and the awe-inspiring monarch congregations. Tour dates are December 27, 2003 to January 2, 2004, February 14 to 20, 2004 and February 21 to 27, 2004. For information contact Randy Korb by email at randykorb@hotmail.com or phone 920.884.0466.

MONARCH MIGRATION



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***Grace Grocholski of DePere
tags a monarch that she
netted. The Grocholski family
tagged 13 monarchs Monday.***