

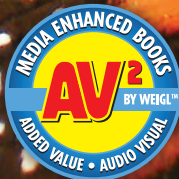
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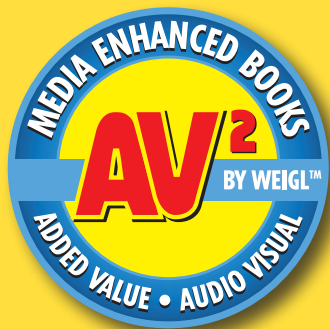
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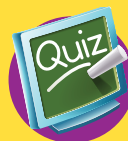
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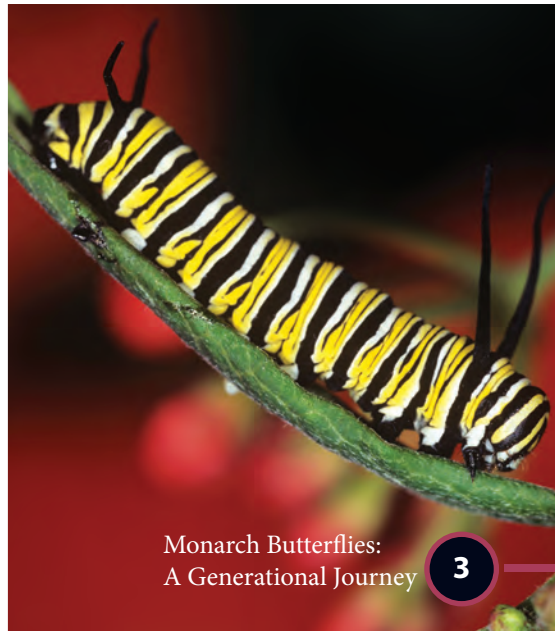
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MONARCH BUTTERFLIES

Every fall something wonderful happens across North America. Millions of monarch butterflies from across North America fly south. They travel up to 3,000 miles (4,800 km). They fly all the way to Mexico, Florida, and Southern California. The monarch's black and orange wings look delicate. They are very strong, though. Monarch butterflies complete the longest journey of any insect on Earth.

The monarchs' lifetime journey is their migration. This is when an animal moves from one **habitat** to another. Migrations happen for many reasons. Some animals move to be in warmer weather where there is more food. There they can reproduce, or have their babies. And these migrations can be short distances, such as from a mountaintop to its valley. Or they can be long distances, like the monarch's flight.



A monarch butterfly has strong wings.