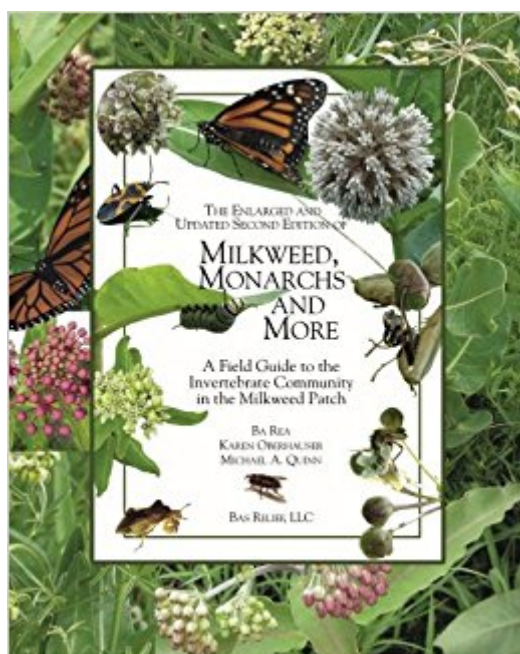


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# The Enlarged And Updated Second Edition Of Milkweed Monarchs And More: A Field Guide To The Invertebrate Community In The Milkweed Patch



## Synopsis

Milkweed, Monarchs and More, The Enlarged and Updated Second Edition, A Field Guide to the Invertebrate Community in the Milkweed Patch, was created to be a field guide and provide basic background information for volunteers in the citizen science Monarch Larva Monitoring Project, as well as monarch enthusiasts and classrooms involved in monarch studies. It covers the diverse natural community that thrives in the milkweed growing along our highways and woodland edges; in our open fields, fragmented prairies and vacant lots; and in our lovingly tended gardens. Several kinds of insects depend on milkweed as a food source. The best known of these are the monarch butterflies whose late summer generation graduates from milkweed nurseries all over North America to join in an impressive migration. Some fly as far as 4800 kilometers (3000 miles) from the northern United States and Canada to the mountains of Michoacan, Mexico. That incredible accomplishment by such a small, seemingly delicate creature has captured our imaginations and awakened many of us to the milkweed community. We invite you to explore the milkweed growing in your neighborhood for a fascinating glimpse into the complex interdependence of life on our planet. In the six years since the publication of the first edition, Milkweed, Monarchs and More has found its way into classrooms, homes, and nature centers. The larger type and pictures in Milkweed, Monarchs and More, The Enlarged and Updated Second Edition are in response to requests for a larger format—more classroom friendly for student reports and easier on older eyes. We've also updated many of the sections, and added more information on milkweed. We hope you enjoy it!

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I'd have to say that, should you be a professional entomologist, botanist, or ecologist, you might pass on this book. If you are just a "common person" like me (however I've had a lot of scientific classes in college but I'm not a professional) or are a teacher or are a casual naturalist or are a parent of a very inquisitive kid or are even one of those pros mentioned above who have a hard time translating your "scientific talk" into a language that the rest of us can understand, **THIS IS A BOOK FOR YOU!!!** As a kid in grades 5-8, my folks would take me with when visiting a sis & her husband

whose house was in a brand new area of far south Chicago. There was little development but lots of wild areas with all kinds of critters and plants and how I enjoyed the insects. Where would I go for a quick fix? Answer: a milkweed plant in bloom! Any kid knows THAT! Oh how I wish there would have been a book like this back then! So many questions and so few answers until I became a Boy Scout. The book is loaded with photos, a glossary, references, and discussions that cover topics from the simple to the more complex, but not too complex. You will also start to learn a new vocabulary as you would with anything new. I've now purchased 2 copies, buying the first just to see what it was about and immediately thought of 2 adults I know who would love it as they are casual naturalists wanting to know what they're seeing, how things are related, etc., and not have to take organic chemistry, insect physiology, etc. After I send this copy to the lucky recipient, I'll buy another for my library... did I also mention these are fairly inexpensive? What a wonderful gift this can be! This is a fantastic book for so many kinds of people, quite informative but not very complicated, AND it's inexpensive. THAT is why I gave it 5 STARS!

This is a very nice guide to all things living in the Monarch habitat...especially around the milkweed of the larval stage. I like this larger size. It is larger than a standard field guide, but not terribly large. It fits in the bag I carry out on hikes with me.

I think this book will interest amateur etymologists & lepidopterists of all ages (and experienced scientists would benefit, too)! The language is clear with explanations of complicated names and terms, such as taxonomy. What a great idea, to expand current interest in monarchs to the patch where they feed and lay their eggs!

With the ever increasing disappearance of butterflies' natural habitats, I continue to add more butterfly gardens and natural landscapes to my farm. I have added this book to my collection on references which I use to guide my gardening decisions. It is a good reference for identifying the many varied types of milkweed, which is the ONLY host plant for monarchs and essential to any butterfly garden. The book offers good descriptions of all the insect life that will visit a milkweed patch & includes pictures, also discussing each species' effects on the milkweed ecosystem. It provides information on which milkweed species will do well in various climates. I recommend this book for inclusion in the butterfly gardener's reference books.

FABULOUS book on milkweed. This book shows the many different kinds of milkweed and what in

Nature NEEDS the milkweed. It is a book to have in one's library.

Descriptions and photos of the insects in a milkweed community is presented in depth. Easy to understand, too. An indispensable resource. Highly recommend!

I got this book as a gift for my dad, he asked for it years ago but the ones I could find then were over \$100. This is a great book and he loves it. Thank you to the seller for providing a great quality product.

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