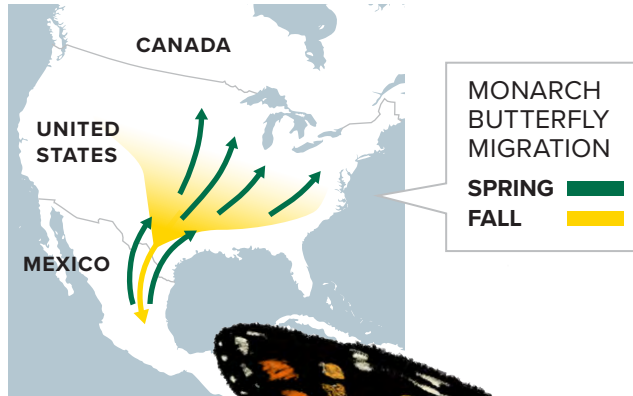


UAB builds new monarch butterfly habitat

The butterfly habitat at 11th Avenue South and 17th Street is the first section of a larger insect meadow coming to campus.



- Migrate from Mexico to Canada

- Monarchs lay their eggs on the plant, acting as a habitat. Then, when the larvae (Caterpillars) hatch, they can immediately eat the plant, providing nutrition. The milkweed sap ingested by the larvae then gives the insects an unappetizing taste to predators such as birds, protecting them from being eaten.



Plants at habitat:

- Orange milkweed
- Swamp milkweed
- Black-eyed Susans

Plantings are done in masses, fairly close together. This style of planting makes it easier for insects to see. Their eyesight, different from humans', sees yellow, pink and orange blobs of color easier than a single specimen.

