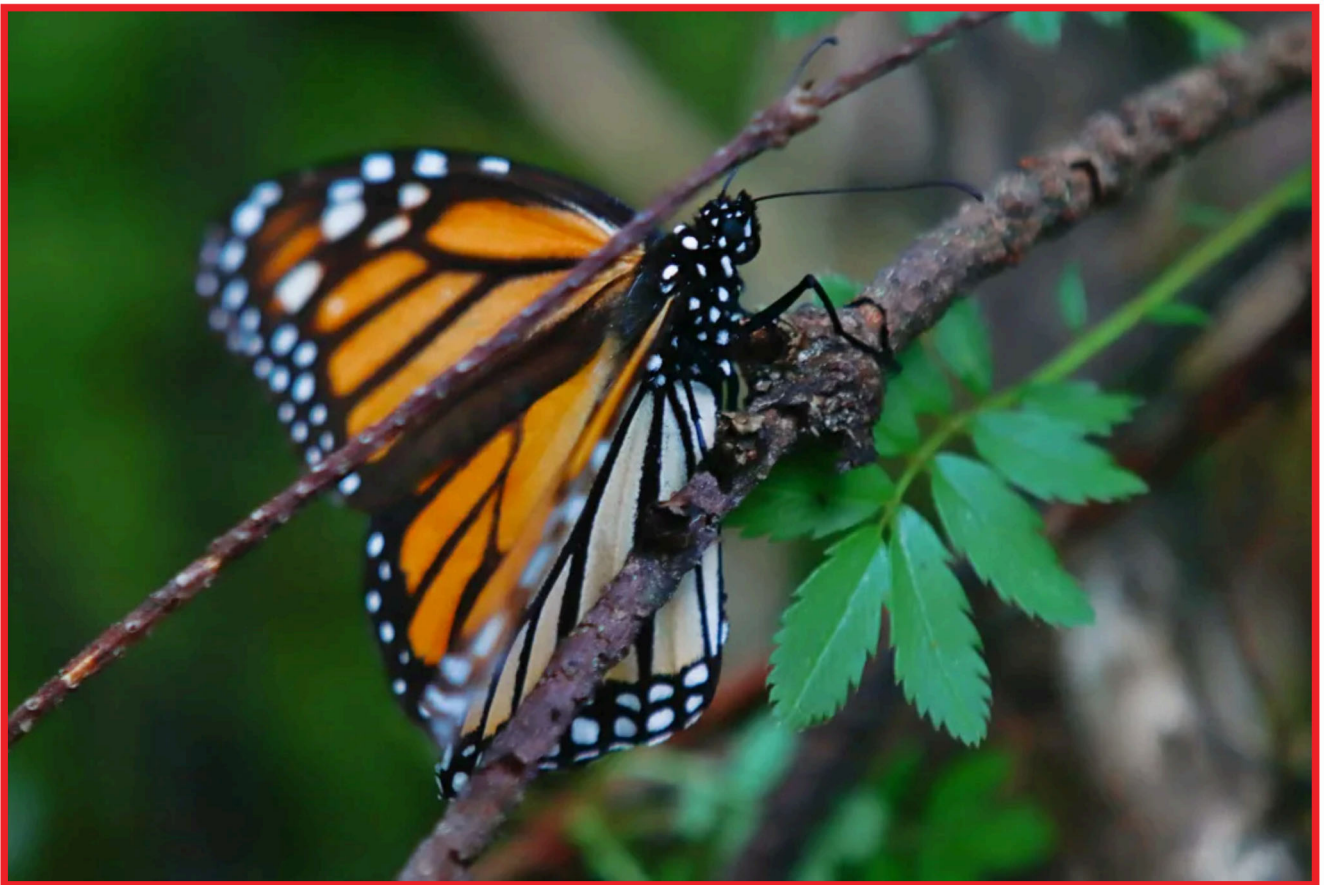


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# Butterflies on the Rise

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Monarch butterflies do a lot for us. They're pollinators. They help plants make seeds and fruits. In 2022, these butterflies became endangered. This was due to climate change. But there's good news: The eastern monarch butterfly population is growing. It has nearly doubled in 2025.

This news comes from a new report from the World Wildlife Fund. It also comes from Mexico's National Commission of Protected Natural Areas.

The groups found that the butterfly population is healthier than last year. But numbers are still lower than they should be. Monarchs need healthy plants and forests. People all over the continent are working to protect them.

