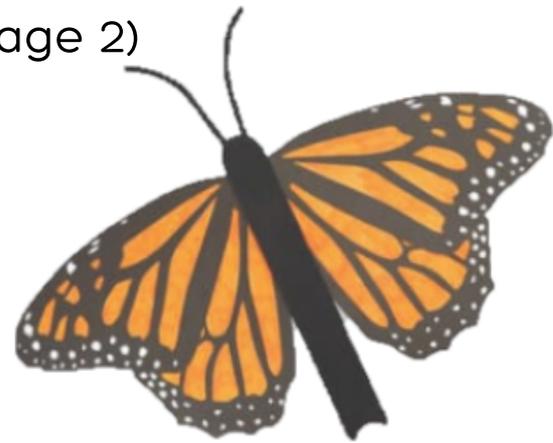


MONARCH BUTTERFLY STICK PUPPET

As highlighted in Chapter 8 of "Growing Up with the River" the Monarch butterflies migrate south through Missouri in late September and early October. This easy and fun stick puppet is the perfect craft for celebrating the migration of the Monarch butterfly!

MATERIALS:

- Printable butterfly wings (Template on page 2)
- Craft stick, Popsicle stick, or dowel rod
- Orange marker, crayon, or colored pencil
- Hot Glue or tacky craft glue
- Black pipe cleaner
- Scissors
- Black acrylic paint & paint brush or thick black marker



INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Print the Monarch butterfly wings template on white paper.
2. Color the wings template with an orange marker, crayon, or colored pencil. Then, cut out the pattern with scissors.
3. Paint the craft stick with black acrylic paint or black marker. Allow the paint to dry completely before gluing the butterfly wings to the craft stick.
4. Cut a black pipe cleaner in half with scissors. Bend one of the pieces into a V to make antennae, then glue it to the back of the craft stick. Hot glue works best!
5. Hold the craft stick, then gently shake your hand up and down to make the butterfly wings flutter.

PRINTABLE MONARCH BUTTERFLY WINGS



Fun Fact: Monarchs are large, beautifully colored butterflies that are easy to recognize by their orange, black, and white markings. The monarch's bright colors tells predators, "Don't eat me. I'm poisonous." The butterflies get their toxins from a plant called milkweed, which is their only food source in the caterpillar stage. An animal that eats a monarch butterfly usually doesn't die, but it feels sick enough to avoid monarchs in the future.

