

Monarch Butterflies Stage Annual Sojourn

It's Monarch butterfly time again in Santa Cruz.

Normally, according to various chambers of commerce, the Monarch starts its migratory journey each year from Alaska.

This year a special delegation reported in from Toronto, Canada.

Several Santa Cruzans this week reported finding butterflies in their yards with tags on their wings.

The tags read: "Zoology, University, Toronto, Canada, 3346."

Apparently a number of these insects was tagged for a check into their flight endurance and migratory habits. Those who found the tagged insects said they intended to report their findings to the University of Toronto, accompanied by the number on the tags.

Those who found tagged butterflies and reported same to The Sentinel were: Mrs. Thomas Rasmussen, 127 Laguna street; Mrs. Henry Miller, 215 Seabright; and Mrs. Leona Sawyer, 406 Dakota avenue, whose daughter, Lois, 8, made the find.

The Monarch passes through Santa Cruz county every year about this time, settling sometimes for days in the parks to rest, then continues its flight south.

Pacific Grove, near Monterey, makes the most of this beautiful insect as it passes through. Saturday a special kiddies parade dedicated to the Monarch will begin at 10:30 a.m. and pass along Fountain, Lighthouse, 17th and Pine avenues. The parade features children in costume.

The flights are huge. Sometimes tens of thousands have set-

tled in trees up the coast, resting and taking nectar from the blooms.

They hang in great clusters, often from eucalyptus trees.

For an estimated 100 years the butterflies bypassed the Santa Cruz area and flew straight across Monterey bay to Pacific Grove where they favored the Jewell trees.

According to unofficial reports, the Monarch lives about 10 months and dies after laying its eggs. They migrate south from northern areas to spend the winter.

Pacific Grove has an ordinance promising a \$500 fine for anyone caught molesting the Monarch.

The Monarch is sometimes known as the milkweed butterfly. It is a member of the Lepidoptera family of moths and butterflies and was scientifically classified in 1758 by Linnaeus the Scandinavian botanist.

By 1945 there were 80,000 known species of Lepidoptera, 10,000 in North America alone.

Goodwill Store To Remain Open Friday Nights

Goodwill Industries store in Santa Cruz will be open until 8:30 p.m. Fridays, executive director Larry Dominguez announced.

"This will enable Goodwill to employ more handicapped persons, as well as help those customers who come to the store," Dominguez said.

Goodwill maintains its work program for handicapped persons through tax-deductible donations of repairable materials which are placed on sale in one of four stores in this area.

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A flight of Monarch butterflies, winged in from Toronto, Canada, this week, amazing several Santa Cruz citizens. They knew they were from Toronto because they had Toronto license plates. Here David Rasmussen, 7, of 127 Laguna street, gets a glassy look at one.



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