**Wild for Monarchs:**

**Milkweed Seed Collection**

**Steps for collecting:** Please obtain permission to collect milkweed from the owner of the property or the manager of the roadway. Do not over-collect in one area. This ensures that you get a genetic diversity and you leave seed for wildlife and self sowing. Pick no more than 33% of one plant and no more than 33% from each site. **Safety Note:** Take care, milkweed sap can harm eyes. Do not collect near busy highways.

**Easy Collection Steps:**
1. Collect clean mature pods (as they begin to split) from native wild plants only. Paper bags work well.
2. For each location, make a new labeled bag. Each species needs its own bag. 3. Use attached labels. Please dry the pods. If you want to, clean the fluff off the seeds, and pull or shake seeds off (please do not burn).

**LABEL every bag of milkweed seed. Please Email:** (insert your chapter contact email address) for seed drop-off.

For more information, and to grow milkweed, please visit wildones.org and monarchwatch.org. **Thank you for helping monarch butterflies! Any amount of seed is welcome.**

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