

Monarch Butterflies and You

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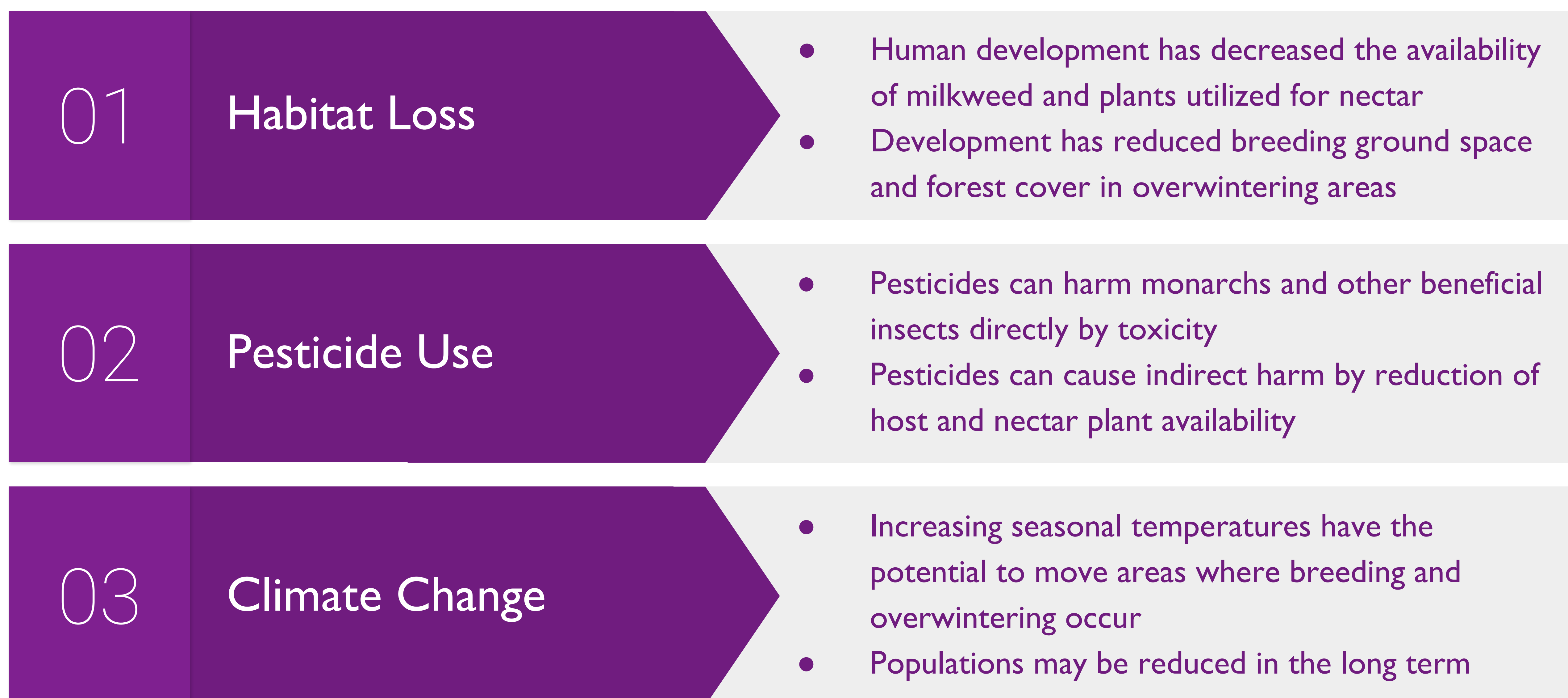
Why are monarch butterflies important?

Monarch butterflies are pollinators! As monarchs forage for nectar, they can unintentionally move pollen within and between flowers. This movement of pollen helps flowering plants make seeds, which can eventually disperse and grow into more plants. Seeds and fruit produced as a result of successful pollination can also feed other organisms. Monarch butterflies and the pollination services they provide contribute to the sustainability of entire ecosystems!

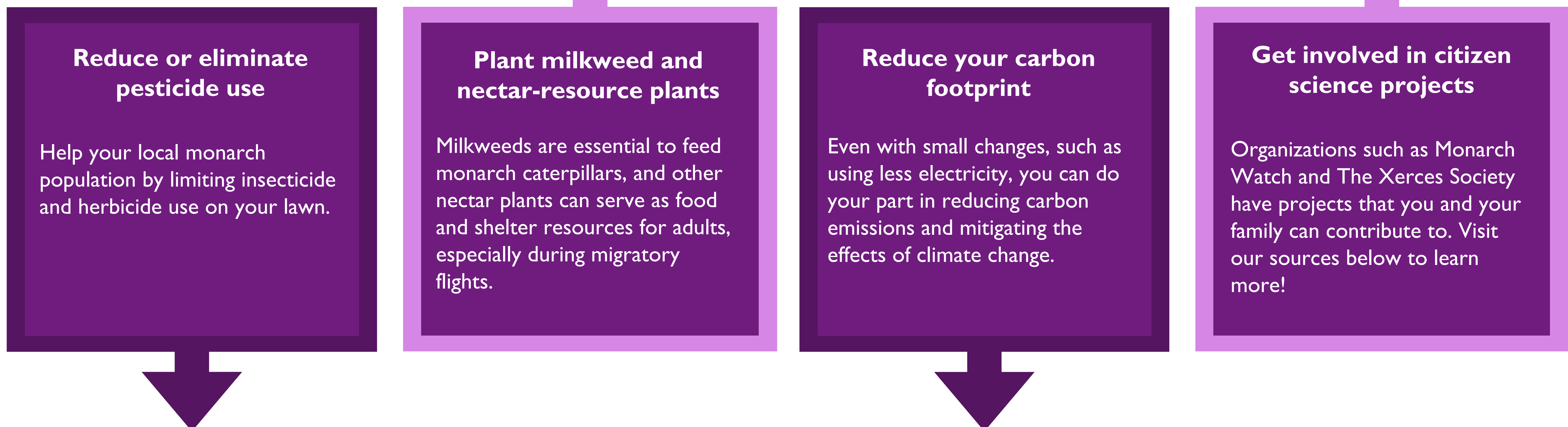


Why are monarchs in decline?

Western monarch populations have declined over 99% since the 1980s, and eastern populations are estimated to have declined more than 80%.



How can I help?



Learn more and share your knowledge and enthusiasm for monarchs with others! You can learn more by checking out publications from our references: Pennsylvania Pollinator Protection Plan (P4), monarchjointventure.org, monarchwatch.org, xerces.org/monarchs/.

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