A monarch butterfly can flap its wings up to 720 times per minute when escaping a predator. Their flight speed ranges from 4-12 miles per hour but can be even faster with wind currents.

The orange of a monarch butterfly’s wings is a warning color, alerting predators that the butterfly will taste bad or may be toxic.

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Monarch Life Stages
- Larvae (caterpillar)
- Pupa (chrysalis)
- Adult butterfly

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