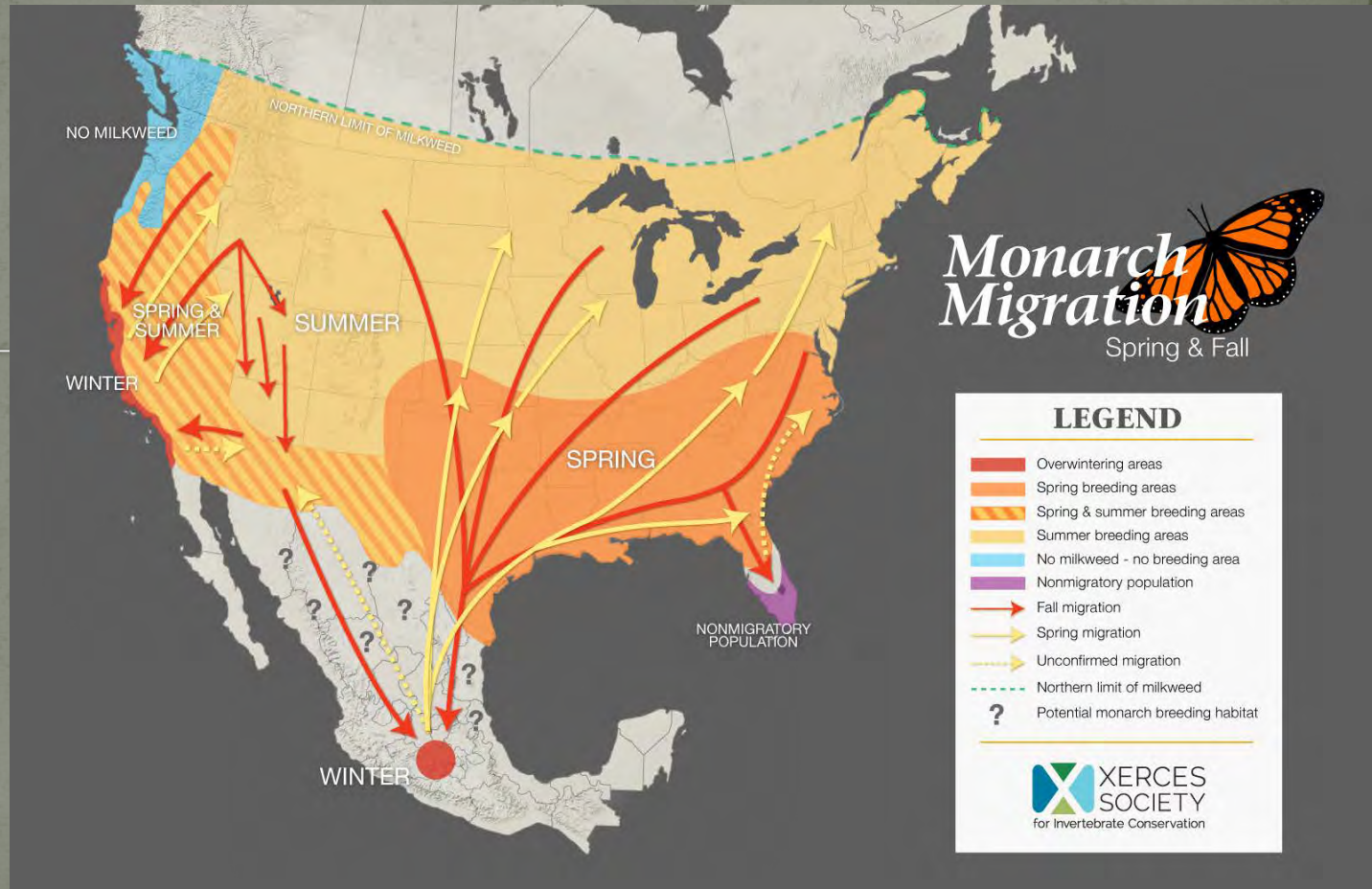


# Saving the Western Monarch Migration

We have lost 99.4% of the historic population of 10 million monarchs in the migration.





The biggest threats are a lack of milkweed for larvae, lack of winter food & pesticide use.

- Milkweed is being removed or paved over so the monarchs don't have a place to lay their eggs.
- There are no longer winter blooming natives for the butterflies to feed on.
- Both milkweed & nectar plants are being poisoned with pesticides, including systemic neonicotinoids used in the nursery trade.





To save the monarchs, we need to plant both  
Milkweed & Winter Blooming Nectar Plants.





# Select a Sunny, Open Location so the Monarchs will be able to find the milkweed and flowers.

- Don't hide the plants in a sheltered backyard or dense shrubby border!
- Sunny front yards are great.
- See if you can get multiple households involved.
- Plant multiple milkweed plants; studies show females like to have a choice of plants.





Prepare the soil by removing weeds and turning in 3 -4" of compost. No fertilizer is necessary.

- When you have selected your area, clear away competing weeds.
- Add organic compost and level the soil.
- Lay down any drip irrigation.
- Plant your plants and mulch with straw, wood chips or leaves.
- Milkweed is drought tolerant once it is established. Nectar plants may or may not be depending upon your choices.
- Never Spray!





With a little thought to our plant choices,  
we can support our Monarchs in hopes  
that their population can recover!

