

New Jersey Audubon Monarch Butterfly Reminders

The New Jersey Audubon Society posts valuable information about migrating monarchs on their Cape May Monarchs Facebook page. Here are two reminders from that site that the Cape May Point Environmental Commission thought you would find interesting:

1. If you tag monarchs, we ask you to consider tagging in areas other than Cape May Point, where our intensive studies take place. If you tag anywhere around Cape May, please share your tagging data with us, as we want to keep track of all monarchs tagged in and around Cape May.

Never enter private property or closed areas (such as the dunes at Cape May Point) to observe or tag monarchs... Note that the netting of monarchs for any reason is prohibited in Cape May Point State Park.

Don't net or tag any monarchs at Cape May Point during these intervals: 9:00 - 10:00 am, 12:00 noon - 1:00 pm, and 3:00 - 4:00 pm. These are the times of our censuses, and it's crucial that all monarchs be undisturbed during these time periods.

2. If you raise monarchs, do not bring them to Cape May for release. This is our 31st year of conducting systematic censuses of monarchs in Cape May, one of the longest, most consistent data sets on monarch populations in existence. Imported monarchs can skew our numbers and reduce the validity of our data. Also, the water crossing of Delaware Bay is hazardous -- you're probably not doing monarchs a favor by bringing them to the Cape.

Please visit the Cape May Monarchs Facebook page for additional information:

<https://njudubon.org/monarch-monitoring/>

