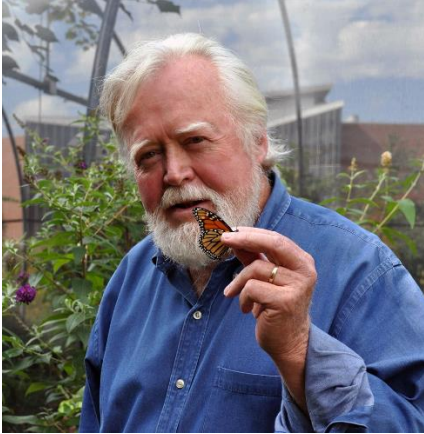




**Honorary Director
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Chip Taylor is the Founder and Director of Monarch Watch. Trained as an insect ecologist at the University of Connecticut, his research projects have included studies of reproductive isolating mechanisms in sulfur butterflies, reproductive and life history patterns in plants, comparative biology of European and Neotropical African honey bees and migratory behavior of monarch butterflies. In 1974, Chip Taylor established research sites and directed students studying Neotropical African honey bees (killer bees) in French Guiana, Venezuela, and Mexico.

In 1992, Taylor founded Monarch Watch, an outreach program focused on education, research and conservation relative to monarch butterflies. Since then, Monarch Watch has enlisted the help of volunteers to tag monarchs during the fall migration. Over 1.3 million monarchs have been tagged by volunteers since 1992. Of these, over sixteen thousand have been recovered. This program has provided many new insights about the dynamics of the fall monarch migration.

A major focus of Monarch Watch is habitat restoration through both the Monarch Waystation and Bring Back the Monarchs programs. The goal of these programs is to replace habitat lost due to development, changes in agriculture, and roadside management practices. Monarch Watch strives to inspire the public, schools and others to create habitats for monarch butterflies, pollinators, and all wildlife that share the same habitats.

Chip serves on the Steering Committees of Monarch Joint Venture and the North American Pollinator Protection Campaign. He has also served as an advisor on many honey bee and monarch documentaries and films including “Flight of the Butterflies” and “Wings of Life.”

Chip received a Growing Green Award from the National Resource Defense Council in 2014 for his work on behalf of monarch conservation. He has been recognized by the Kansas Honey Producers, the Lepidopterist Society, received the J.I. Hambleton Award for Excellence in Research from the Eastern Apicultural Society, the Steeples Award for Service to Kansas and recently a lifetime achievement award from the North American Pollinator Protection Campaign. He has also been the recipient of awards and grants from the National Science Foundation, the United States Department of Agriculture, the National Geographic Society, and the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation as well as corporations and notable NGOs.