

Monarch Tag Recovered in Mexico

The Crawford Park District has received notice that a Monarch butterfly tagged in Bucyrus was recovered at El Rosario, Mexico.

The tag was placed on the butterfly by Allie Crall at a tagging event hosted by the Park District and Cindy Eusey at Unger Park on September 13, 2008. Allie is the daughter of Shelley and Steve Crall of Bucyrus. This was her first year participating in the tagging of Monarchs. "AWESOME!" was all Allie could say when she found out about her recovered tag. This is the second recovered tag within the past two years.

In the late summer and fall, approximately 60-120 million Monarch butterflies travel from Canada and the United States to their over wintering grounds in the trans-volcanic mountains of central Mexico. The Crawford County Monarch flew a distance of over 1,700 miles to reach this area. The Crawford Park District works with Monarch Watch from the University of Kansas to assist in the tagging of the Monarchs. Monarch Watch travels to Mexico each spring to collect and buy the tags found by the Mexican people. The recovered tags help with Monarch migration research. More information can be found on the park's website at www.crawfordparkdistrict.org

