

The Monarch:

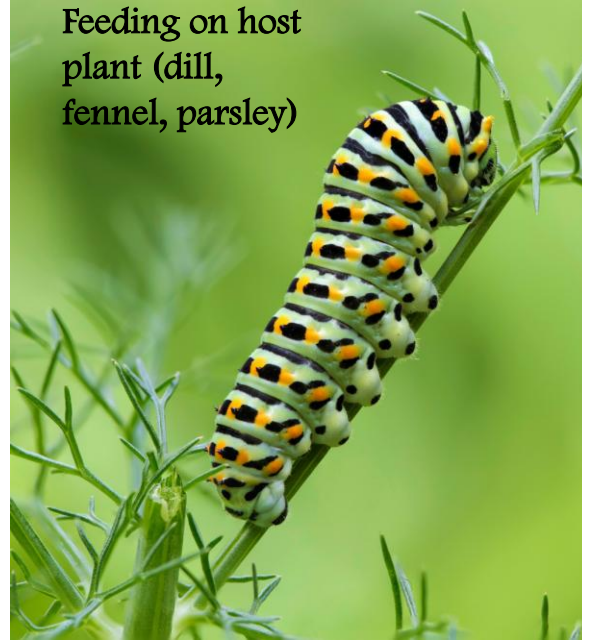
The Eastern (Black) Swallowtail:

Feeding on host plant (milkweeds)



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Feeding on host plant (dill, fennel, parsley)



A thin silk girdle holds the caterpillar in place in the pre-pupa stage



The J Stage, attached to a twig, just before the transition to chrysalis

Metamorphosis takes place in 10-14 days. The striped skin has fallen off and hangs beneath the chrysalis. (I taped this twig to a pencil for better support.) The butterfly will be released.



The monarch will remain in the pupa stage for 8-15 days. Wing pigmentation will develop in the final 48 hours and will be visible through the chrysalis.

