I-35 Monarch Waystation - Safety Rest Area

2022 Coloring Book
As described by Monarch Watch, Monarch Waystations are patches of habitat that provide resources necessary for Monarchs to produce successive generations and sustain their migration.

Female Monarchs only lay their eggs on milkweeds. Most of the Monarch butterflies migrate south to Mexico each winter and return north in the spring, traveling through Texas along a corridor that roughly corresponds to the path of Interstate Highway 35 - the Monarch Highway!
Antelope Horns Milkweed, Asclepias asperula
Monarch Butterfly, Danaus plexippus
Small Milkweed Bug, Lygaeus kalmii

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Like all butterflies, monarchs go through “metamorphosis” to become adults. They transform from egg, to caterpillar, to chrysalis, to adult. You might see all four stages in a waystation in the spring.
Firewheel (*Gaillardia pulchella*)

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Primrose (*Oenothera sp.*)

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Coneflower (Echinacea sp.)

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Purple Coneflower, Echinacea purpurea
Northern Cardinal, Cardinalis cardinalis
Southern Carpenter Bee, Xylocopa micans
Two-tailed Swallowtail, Papilio multicaudata

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Purple Passionflower, *Passiflora incarnata*
Gulf Fritillary, *Agraulis vanillae*

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Frostweed, *Verbesina virginica*
American Bumblebee, *Bombus pensylvanicus*
Queen Butterfly, *Danaus gilippus*
Sunflower (*Family-Asteraceae*)

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1. Bluebonnet
4. Sunflower
7. Verbena

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8. Texas Sage   5. Green Milkweed  
2. Purple Cone Flower 

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