

Grand River Ranger District Monarch Butterfly Pollinator Gardens on the Dakota Prairie Grasslands

2008 Accomplishments

This project was initiated in 2007 as part of the national effort to supply habitat for the monarch butterfly. The Grand River Ranger District of the Dakota Prairie Grasslands identified two sites for monarch butterfly pollinator gardens in 2007. Native forbs were selected that provided suitable food and habitat for monarch butterflies. The two sites were seeded to these native forbs in the spring of 2007. Due to poor growing conditions for seedlings in 2007, an effort was made to start several forbs in the office during the spring of 2008.

The NRCS Plant Materials Center in Bismarck, ND, donated seed to use for this project. These seeds were started in the office during the spring of 2008 and they were transplanted to one of the pollinator gardens. A similar effort will be made in the spring of 2009.



Figure 1. Young forbs started in the office ready for transplanting.



Figure 2. Monarch habitat interpretative sign at one of the gardens.

Year awarded: No funds have been requested for this project.

Project completion: Ongoing

Report number: 1

Expenditures (through 10/2007):

All materials have been donated for this project.

Partners/contractors/coop: USDA NRCS Plant Materials Center, Bismarck, ND.

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