

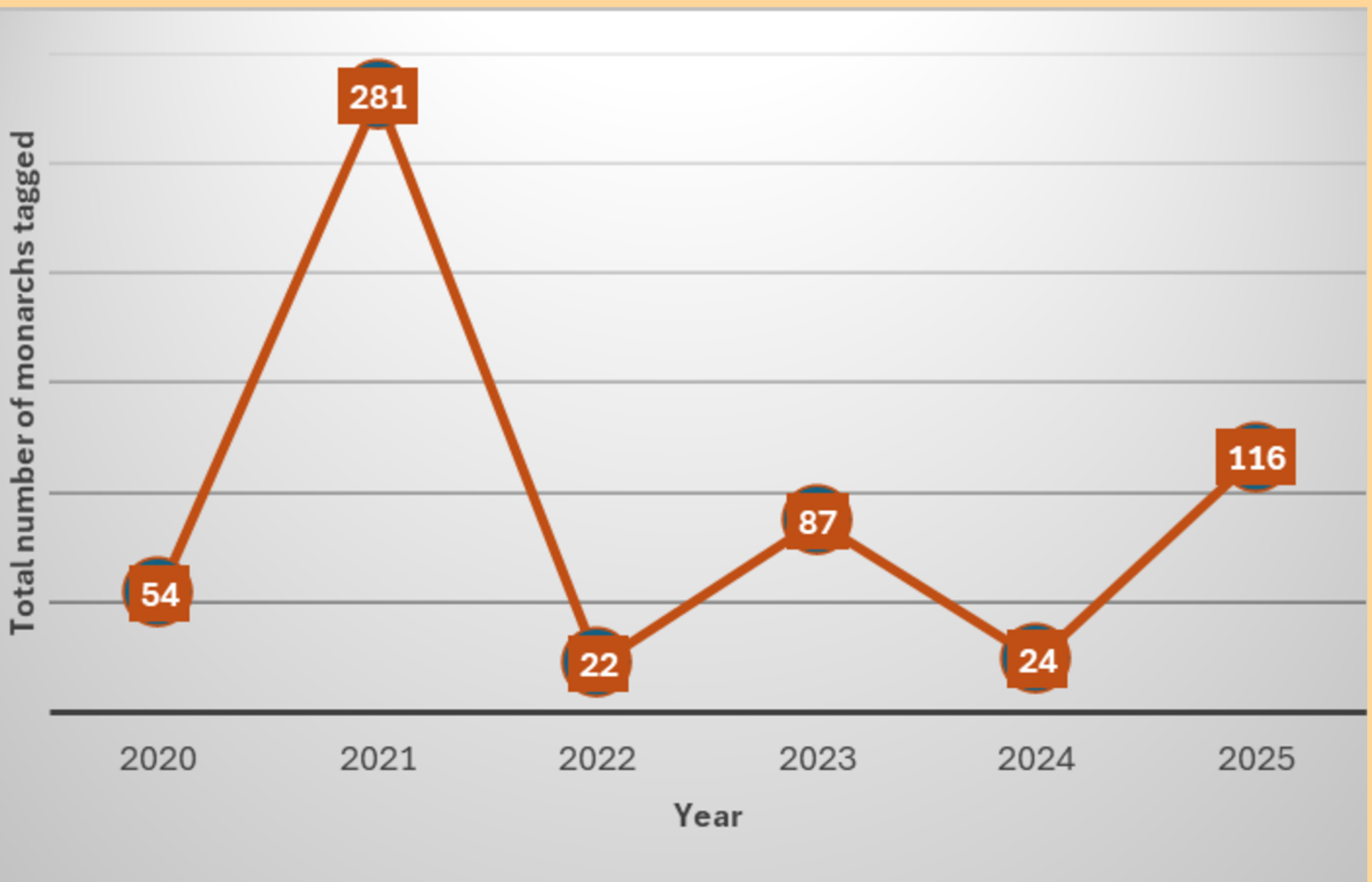
Connecticut's Beardsley Zoo MonarchWatch 2025

By the numbers

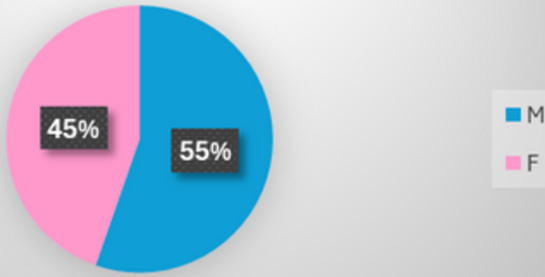


Monarchs Tagged in 2025: **116**

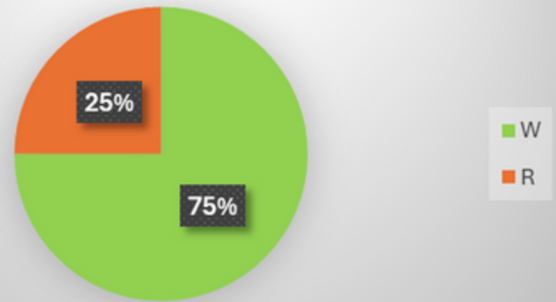
Total Tagged since 2020: **584**



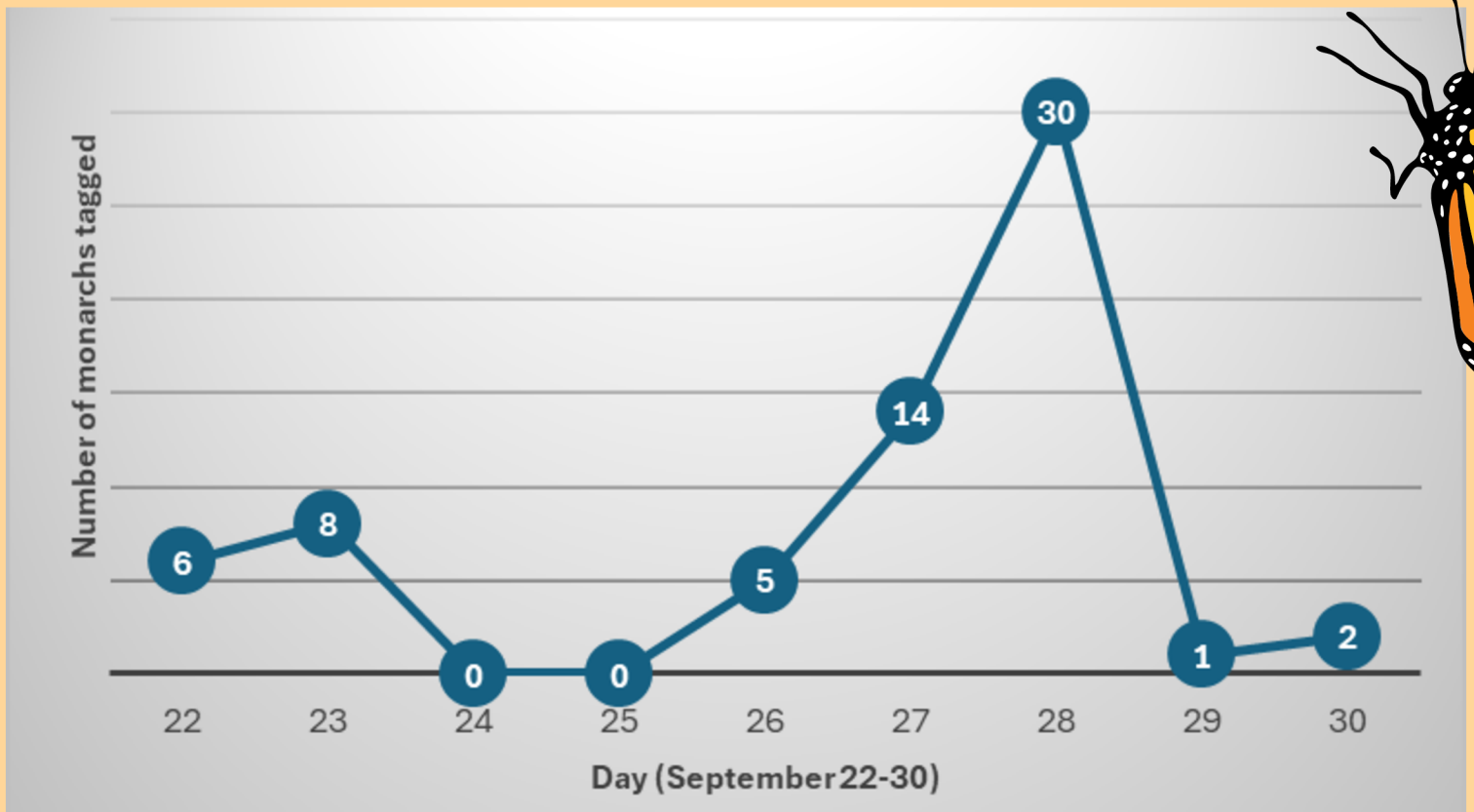
Female: Male



Reared: Wild



It was observed more monarchs were tagged this year in September, than August and October. Highest number of monarchs tagged across all data sheets was in between September 27-28. Peak timing for Connecticut perhaps?!



Tagging by location



Towns/Cities

Bridgeport

Orange

Trumbull

Madison

Stratford

Wallingford





Volunteer Spotlight!



Susan Quigley

On a warm sunny day in late September, I had the wonderful experience of hosting Susan and her husband David at the zoo to tag the migrating monarchs that were flying through the gardens. This was Susan's first-time tagging, and we could not have picked a better day. It was September 28th, sunny, warm (in the 70's) and there was little to no wind. Once Susan tagged her first monarch by our greenhouse we celebrated!

Some days tagging doesn't always yield the numbers you want. I like to remind volunteers and staff alike; we are at the good humor of nature.

After a little time passed, Susan and I were happy with our results ready to stop for the day, and that's when the next monarch arrived. Over the course of two hours each monarch we found was a new one. Susan and David helped us tag 11 monarchs that day! My favorite part was seeing how much Susan and David were enjoying their time together outside and experiencing the magic of the monarch butterfly migration.

Thank you, Susan. Incredible work!

