

Monarchs grow up like other butterflies. They start inside an egg. The egg hatches. Out pops a caterpillar! It eats lots of plants.

Monarch egg



Monarch caterpillar





Getting ready to start the chrysalis stage



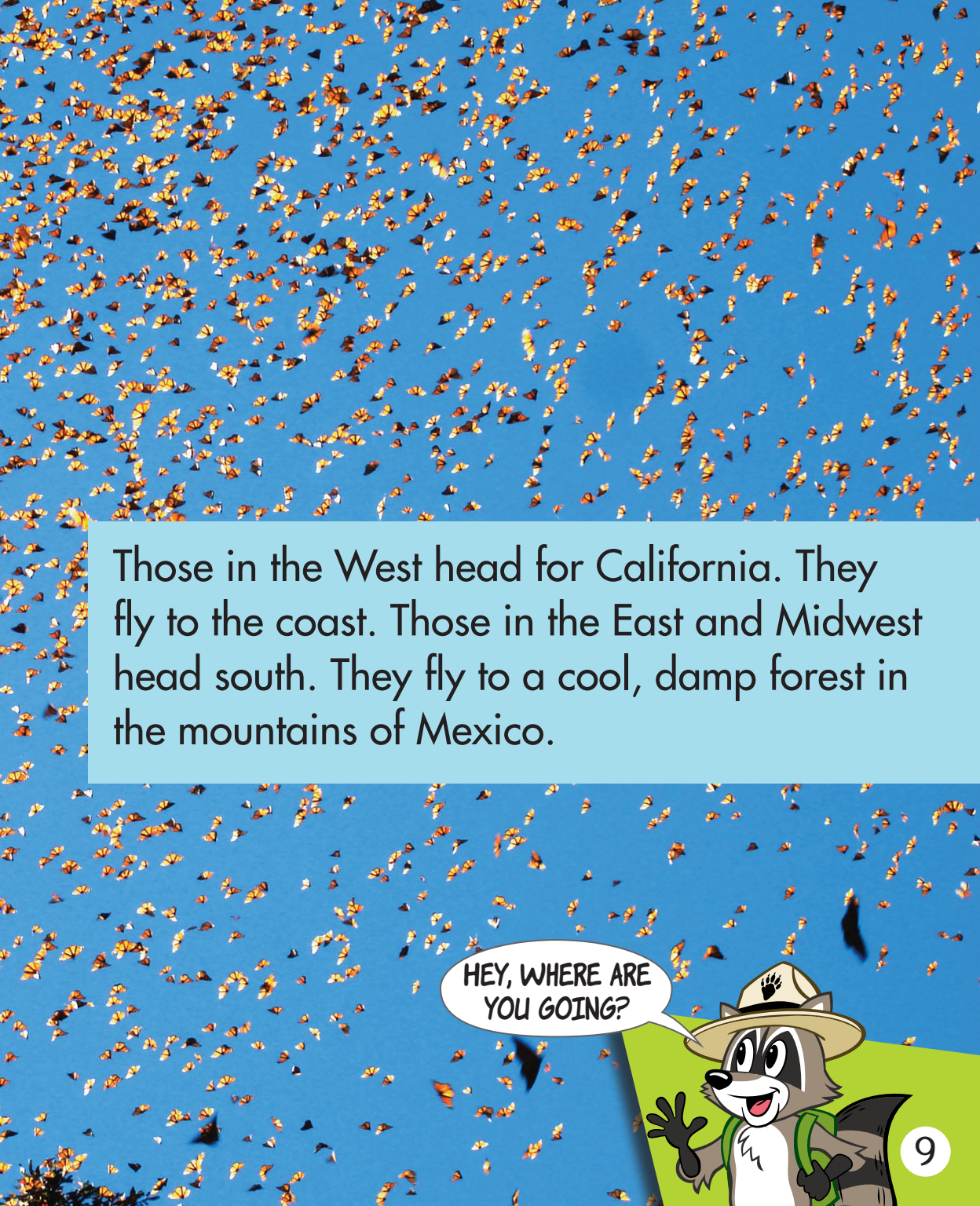
Monarch chrysalis

Then it starts the **chrysalis** stage. This is when a caterpillar changes. It becomes a butterfly. So, what makes monarchs so special? Why are they so famous?



Monarchs make an amazing journey. Every fall, they **migrate**. This means they move. They take to the skies! They travel a long, long way.





Those in the West head for California. They fly to the coast. Those in the East and Midwest head south. They fly to a cool, damp forest in the mountains of Mexico.



HEY, WHERE ARE YOU GOING?