

# *Austin Butterfly Forum*

*Monday, July 24, 2017*

*7:00 p.m.*

*Zilker Botanical Garden Center*

## *The Monarch Butterfly Conservation Movement*

*Presented by  
Katie Boyer*



*Monarch Butterfly by Valerie Bugh*

*This meeting is free and open to the public.*

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The eastern migratory population of the monarch butterfly has declined by 80-90 percent in the past 20 years, which has prompted an international movement to conserve this majestic species. This presentation will cover monarch biology and the conservation movement to recover the beloved insect.

Katie Boyer serves as the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's Monarch Outreach Specialist for Texas and Oklahoma, stationed in Austin. In this role, Katie coordinates monarch butterfly conservation efforts with a variety of partners throughout both states in addition to leading outreach efforts to increase awareness of monarch and pollinator decline. Katie previously served as a listing biologist, working with teams of scientists to analyze the status of species under the Endangered Species Act. Katie holds a Bachelor of Science in Resource Conservation from the University of Montana and a Master of Natural Resources in Environmental Policy from Utah State University. After the work day ends, Katie enjoys kayaking, hiking with her two dogs, and checking out Austin's outstanding live music scene.