Monarch butterflies: What did you learn?

Fill in the boxes with the missing words. What's the mystery word?

1. Because of their long migration, monarch butterflies have the strongest ___ of any butterfly species!
2. Every year, monarch butterflies ___ 3,000 miles!
3. The ___ from milkweed protects butterflies against predators.
4. Monarch butterflies lay their eggs on a plant called ___.
5. The monarch female has thicker ___ than the male.
6. Monarch butterflies smell and taste with their ___ and legs.

The mystery word is _________________!
Monarch Butterfly

Monarch butterfly markings include bright orange wings covered with black veins and rimmed with a black border and white dots. Females have thicker veins in their wings. A monarch's brilliant coloring tells predators: "Don't eat me. I'm poisonous." The butterflies get their toxins from a plant called milkweed, which is their only food source in the caterpillar stage.

Monarch butterflies smell and taste with their antennae and legs.

Monarch butterflies migrate up to 3,000 miles from the northern U.S. and Canada to the mountains of central Mexico. This long migration gives monarchs the strongest wings of any butterfly species!

The female butterfly lays each of her eggs, up to 500, on the leaf of a milkweed plant.

Life Cycle of a Monarch Butterfly

Egg → Caterpillar → Pupa → Adult