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Wings Across Continents: The Marvel of Butterfly Migration

Short Answer Key

1. Factors believed to help butterflies navigate during migration include environmental cues such as temperature, daylight, and geomagnetic fields.
2. Monarch butterfly migration in North America typically occurs in the fall when temperatures cool and daylight hours decrease.
3. Monarch butterflies gather in dense clusters in oyamel fir forests in central Mexico during the winter months.
4. Butterfly migrations are essential for maintaining healthy populations by promoting gene flow, genetic diversity, and the exchange of individuals between populations.
5. Painted ladies are another butterfly species besides monarchs that undertake impressive migrations.

