

One of the most remarkable of migrations is that taken each fall by the North American monarch butterfly.

Often called "the wanderer", it is tough and powerful as butterflies go, and is capable of long flights at speeds of 20 miles per hour or more.

Monarch butterflies have been observed within 200 miles of the coast of England, although they are not native to Europe.

They are now also found in Asia and Australia, perhaps having been carried there by the wind.

The monarch produces as many as four generations a year, each one of which ventures a little farther north.

It is the last of these that migrates before the onset of winter.

From as far north as Canada, swarms of butterflies begin gathering from their homes in the fields, clinging to trees and bushes by the thousands.

Then, on just the right breeze, they rise in a red cloud and head south.

Not all get there.

But enough do to ensure the survival of the species until the following spring.