

## The Pilot

Vico Gutierrez, born in Mexico City, is a delta wing, parapente and ultralight plane pioneer (he has been flying since he was 13 years old!). His experience of more than 30 years has taken him throughout the whole country. He has been a pilot with the National Team of free flight and has participated in more than 10 world championships. Vico is a Free Flight and ultralight instructor in Valle de Bravo and regularly makes films from his ultralight plane for commercials, documentaries and movies. Living in Valle de Bravo, so close to the Monarch butterfly colonies and his love of flying and of adventure, have made Vico commit to conserve the remarkable migratory phenomenon of the Monarch butterfly

## The Team

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Andrew Phillip Donaldson.- Camera Assistant  
Tania Guerrero Collazo.- Production Assistant  
Luis Alberto Miranda Jimenez.- Photographer and Pilot

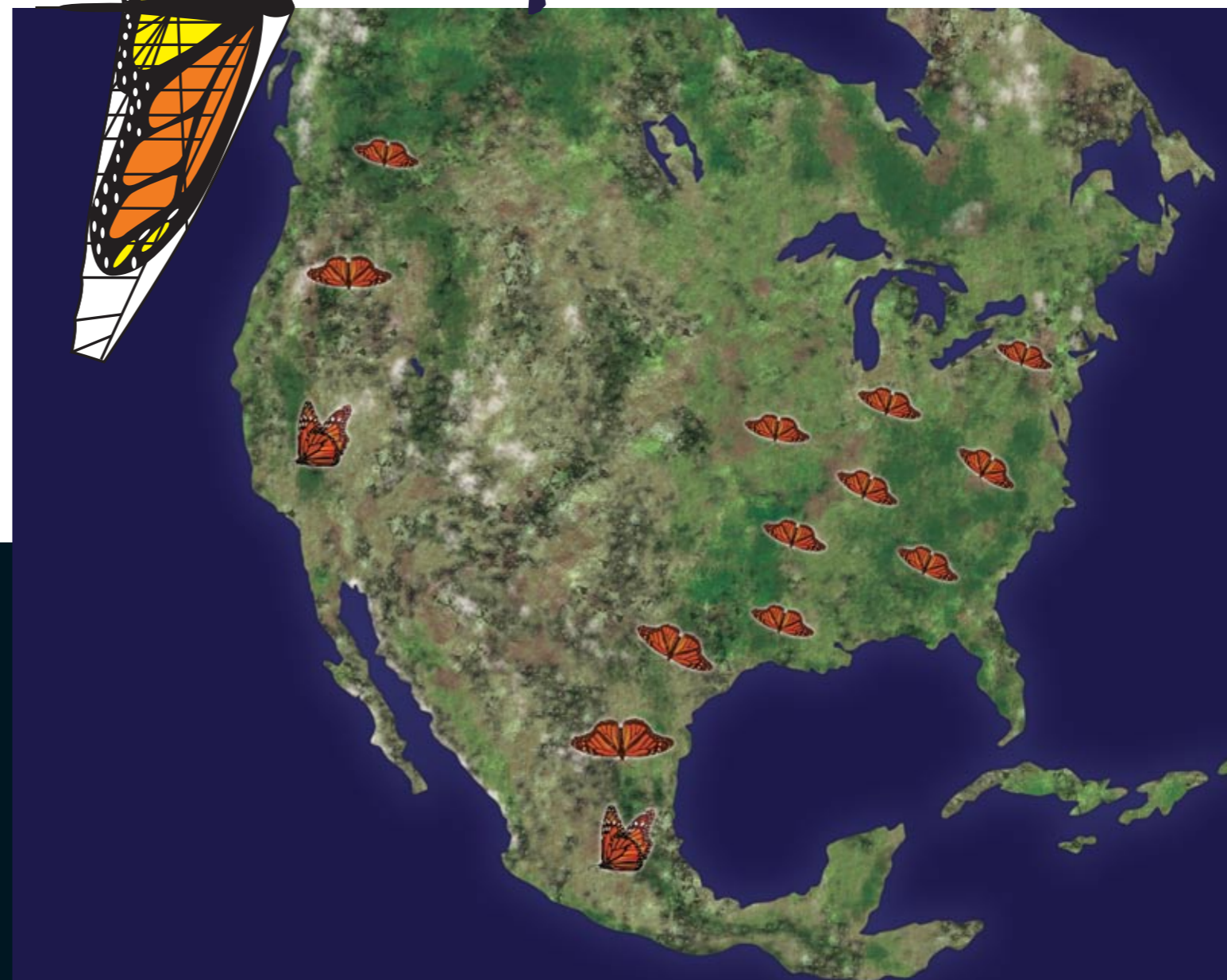


## The Papalotzin Team in Mexico:

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Oscar Lopez Rocha.- Animation  
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# Papalotzín



## WWF and Papalotzin

The Papalotzin project is endorsed and supported by WWF, whose aim is the conservation of nature. WWF provides technical and financial support to protect ecosystems and species and to improve management practices for the well-being of both human society and nature. Papalotzin and WWF are working together in the conservation of the migratory phenomena of the Monarch butterfly.



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## Join the Journey of the Monarch Butterfly

When autumn arrives, Monarch butterflies begin the lengthy journey from southeastern Canada and northeastern United States to spend the winter under the protection of the pine and fir forests of the States of Michoacan and Mexico in central Mexico.

Every year, millions of Monarchs travel almost five thousand kilometers to congregate in high altitude Mexican forests for five months. The persistence of the migratory phenomena is dependent on the conservation of many habitats throughout the route. The conservation of this phenomena is the responsibility of three countries: Canada, United States and Mexico.



Papalotzin (from Nahuatl (Aztec), Papalotl= butterfly and tzin=diminute) or small butterfly, is the name that Francisco "Vico" Gutiérrez has chosen for his ultralight plane. The plane decorated as a Monarch butterfly will follow the migration of the Monarchs from southeastern Canada to the sanctuaries in central Mexico. The objective of this remarkable trip is to increase awareness on the challenges that the Monarchs face throughout their astonishing journey to Mexico and back.

Papalotzin is a symbol of unity of the interests of the three countries, to conserve a shared heritage: the migration of the Monarch butterfly.

During the journey the Papalotzin crew will:

- Organize information events and press conferences, inviting local experts and people involved in the conservation of the Monarch to discuss the local conservation issues.
- Communicate the day by day the progress of the migration in an interactive Internet site [www.papalotzin.com](http://www.papalotzin.com), connected in real time.
- Produce a one-hour documentary from the air and from the ground on the life, flight and issues faced by the Monarch butterfly in the three countries.

Join us for a journey of discovery and adventure, of science and knowledge, facing the challenges encountered by the Monarch butterfly in this extraordinary migration.

The resources obtained through this project will be used in conservation and restoration programs in the Monarch sanctuaries in Mexico.

