## "Between every two pines is a doorway to a new world." - John Muir

The Gifted Tree welcomes you to the virtual world of finding your tree planting location. As you know, someone has planted a gift tree in honor of you or someone you love. Your tree has been or will be planted in the areas around Mexico's Monarch Butterfly Biosphere Reserve; more specifically the municipalities of Senguio and Ocampo in the state of Michoacán. Every year, Monarch butterflies migrate thousands of miles to winter in the forests of Mexico. As pollinators, they provide an invaluable ecological service to forests and farmlands. This project focuses on both farmland conversion and forest restoration to improve biodiversity habitats in an essential migration corridor of the Monarch butterfly. By densely planting native species with the cooperation of local landowners and indigenous communities, your tree will help preserve the future of this incredible species.

In order to revitalize the forest, your tree will be one of several native species, including Oyamel pine, smooth-bark Mexican pine, Chihuahua pine, and Mexican Cypress. Besides helping the Monarch, communities and landowners will benefit being taught sustainable forestry practices such as proper planting techniques, sustainable harvesting, the importance of recycling and waste management, and land and plant protection. Furthermore, the risk of landslides is great in this area and your tree will help keep soil in place, which will slow erosion and preserve the landscape in the face of natural disasters.

You can view the general area of your planting by clicking on the following link (best viewed on a PC):

## https://binged.it/3c1XFUe

Once connected to the map, feel free to zoom in and out to get a feel of the general planting area as well as its location in Mexico and the world. Please understand that this is the general area of your tree planting and not the specific tree. Your tree is planted among thousands of other gift trees and there is no plaque designating your gift tree and it is not possible to visit the tree.



Enjoy your gifted tree and know that it is making a monumental difference for the earth and opening a new doorway to the world for future generations. If you have any questions, please view our contact information at: <a href="www.thegiftedtree.com/contact-us/">www.thegiftedtree.com/contact-us/</a>. If you would like to plant a tree for someone else, please visit our website at <a href="www.theGiftedTree.com">www.theGiftedTree.com</a>.

