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One third of a monarch butterflies are infected with common parasites OE. Which is a protozoan that causes the monarch to suffer from flu like symptoms. Weaken the monarchs die from paper wasps and also if they survive they are often too weak to open the chrysalis. Dr. Hunter from Michigan working with Dr. DeRoode noticed monarch self-medicating.
Mother butter flies, there were ones that were infected. Mother butterflies lay there eggs between swamp milkweed and tropical milkweed. Only the female monarchs that are infected went to lay eggs on tropical milkweed.

Monarch egg
Which have cardenolides that are poiseios to the protozoan hunting the butter flies. Hunter noticed this about the butterflies. The only plant (infected female monarchs) laid there eggs on were the tropical milkweed.
Parasites can plague insects. At least one insect - the monarch butterfly - has found a way to treat its babies so that they avoid infection by a common and potentially cropping parasites.