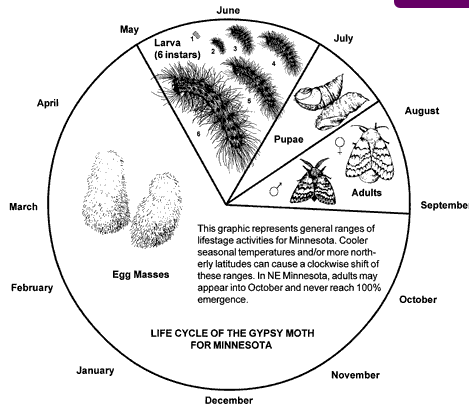


Moths and Butterflies of Southwest Minnesota

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Do you know the difference between a moth and a butterfly?

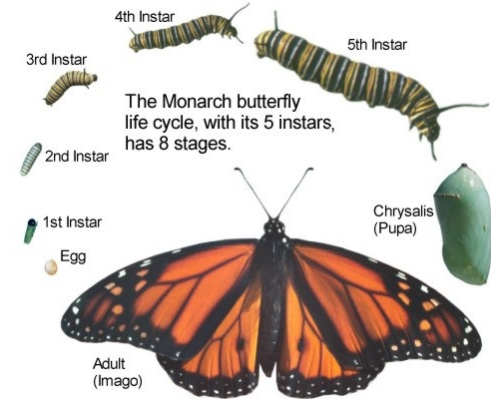


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Differences Distinguishing Butterflies from Moths

The main differences between moths and butterflies are their antennae and body size.

Butterflies have skinny antenna with knobs at the ends; while moths have feathery and skinny antenna without knobs. Also, butterflies have a slender body while moths have fat and fuzzy bodies.



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Moth Fun Facts

12,000 species of moths live in North America.

Moth fossils have been found alongside dinosaur fossils.

Moths live seven months as an egg.

Moths live five months as an adult.

The average moth lives about five months.

Adult moths do not need to drink.

Moths are nocturnal which means they are active during the night.

The Cecropia moth is the largest moth in North America.

Some moths are protected by spines and toxins.

Butterfly Fun Facts

Butterflies are active feeders during the day.

The average butterfly lives two-three weeks.

Butterflies can see ultraviolet colors.

The Monarch Butterfly is the Minnesota State butterfly.

There are 140 different kinds of butterflies living in Minnesota.

The average flight speed of a butterfly is 10mph.

Some butterflies look like other kinds of butterflies to confuse birds. (Mimicry)

The Monarch butterfly migrates to Mexico.

After the female butterfly lays its eggs it then dies.



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Now that you know the difference between moths and butterflies, you'll know the difference when you spot them outside!!!



Monarch -- milkweed butterfly family

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