



## Butterflies & Moths A Bibliography

from the Teacher's Guide to the Museum's Butterflies and Moths Kit

Allen, Judy. *Are You a Butterfly?* New York: Kingfisher, 2000. From the series Backyard Books. Introduces the life cycle of a butterfly, showing how it changes from an egg to a chrysalis to a butterfly.

Arnosky, Jim. *Crinkleroot's Guide to Knowing Butterflies & Moths*.  
New York: Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers, 1996.

Part of a series where the character Crinkleroot, born in a tree and raised by bees, introduces the natural world, in this case the appearance and habits of various butterflies and moths.

Carter, David J. *Butterflies and Moths*. New York: Dorling Kindersley, 1992.

A field guide to butterflies and moths around the world, each depicted by a full-color photograph with a caption that describes key features and points of differentiation.

Cole, Joanna and Nancy E. Krulik. *Scholastic's The Magic School Bus, Butterfly and the Bog Beast: a Book About Butterfly Camouflage*.

New York: Scholastic, 1996.

Ms. Frizzle takes the class on another exciting field trip to a bog, where they learn all about bog beasts and butterflies.

Ehlert, Lois. *Waiting for Wings*. San Diego: Harcourt, 2001.

The question of where butterflies come from is answered with simple rhyming text and color-drenched collages that provide facts on flowers and butterfly identification tips.

Hamilton, K. R. *The Butterfly Book: a Kid's Guide to Attracting, Raising, and Keeping Butterflies*. Santa Fe, N.M.: John Muir Publications, 1997.

Herberman, Ethan. *The Great Butterfly Hunt: the Mystery of the Migrating Monarchs*. New York: Simon and Schuster Books for Young Readers, 1990.

Heller, Ruth. *How to Hide a Butterfly*. New York: Platt & Munk, 1992.

How various animals use camouflage.

Harvey, Diane Kelsay. *Melody's Mystery*. Wilsonville, OR: Beautiful America Publishing Co., 1991.

The text appears in English and Spanish on each page, and there are wonderfully dramatic photographs.

Lasky, Kathryn. *Monarchs*. New York: Harcourt Brace, 1993.

Excellent photographs and information, especially on the migration to Mexico. Discusses overwintering sites. Grades 3-6.

Latimer, Jonathan P. and Karen Stray Nolting. *Peterson Field Guides for Young Naturalists: Butterflies*. Boston: Houghton Mifflin, 2000.

Legg, Gerald and Carolyn Scrace, illustrated by David Salariya. *From Caterpillar to Butterfly*. New York: Franklin Watts, 1998. From the Lifecycles series.

Traces the growth process of the butterfly using clear text and detailed, full-color artwork. In addition to the glossary and index, includes a fact section and a handy, illustrated timeline.

Neye, Emily. *Butterflies*. New York: Grosset & Dunlap, 2000.

Describes the appearance, life cycle, habits, habitat, and winter migration of butterflies.

Norsgaard, E. Jaediker. *How to Raise Butterflies*. New York: Dodd, Mead, 1988.

Most of the text is about raising Monarch butterflies, with a few pages about Black Swallowtails.

Pascoe, Elaine. *Butterflies and Moths*. Woodbridge, CT: Blackbirch Press, 1997. From the Nature Close-up series.

Investigates the physical characteristics, reproductive processes, habitats, and metamorphoses of butterflies and moths through hands-on projects.

Pringle, Laurence P. *An Extraordinary Life: the Story of a Monarch Butterfly*. New York: Orchard Books, 1997

Introduces the life cycle, feeding habits, migration, predators, and mating of the monarch butterfly through the observation of one particular monarch named Danaus, from egg to adult female, migration from Massachusetts to Mexico, overwintering, and then starting the return journey north in the spring.

Pyle, Robert Michael. *The Audubon Society Field Guide to North American Butterflies*. New York: Knopf. a Chanticleer Press edition, 1981.

Ring, Elizabeth. *Night Flier*. Brookfield, CT: Millbrook Press, 1994.

Good photos of the life cycle of the Cecropia moth.

Rockwell, Anne F. *Becoming Butterflies*. New York: Walker & Co., 2002.

A class observes the various stages caterpillars go through to become butterflies.

Ryder, Joanne. *Where Butterflies Grow*. New York: Lodestar Books, 1989.

Drawings depict the life cycle of the Black Swallowtail butterfly.

Saunders-Smith, Gail. *Butterflies*. Mankato, MN: Pebble Books, 1997.

For the preschool audience.

Whalley, Paul Ernest Sutton. *Butterfly & Moth*. New York: Knopf, 1988.

Photographs and text explore the behavior and life cycles of butterflies and moths.

Whalley, Paul Ernest Sutton. *The Butterfly in the Garden*. Milwaukee, WI: G. Stevens, 1987. From the Animal Habitats series.

Shows butterflies feeding, breeding, and defending themselves in their natural habitats.

## **Web Sites**

Butterflies of North America

<http://www.npwrc.usgs.gov/resource/distr/lepid/bflyusa/bflyusa.htm>

From the US Geological Service, Prairie Wildlife Research Center, Jamestown, North Dakota  
Paul A. Opler, Harry Pavulaan, and Ray E. Stanford, coordinators.

Fabulous website that identifies butterflies by area, includes many photographs,  
and contains links, references, and a great deal more.

Butterflies: On the Wings of Freedom

[http://library.thinkquest.org/27968/kids\\_intro.shtml](http://library.thinkquest.org/27968/kids_intro.shtml)

Created in 1999 by a team of teachers and students from Singapore, Germany and the United States. Designed for kids, but provides great information for all ages.

The Butterfly Website

<http://butterflyebsite.com/>

A commercial site with a store, and also a good photo collection, information on butterfly gardening, articles, and more.

Children's Butterfly Site

[http://www.mesc.usgs.gov/resources/education/butterfly/bfly\\_intro.asp](http://www.mesc.usgs.gov/resources/education/butterfly/bfly_intro.asp)

From the USGS. Photos, frequently asked questions, web links, and Monarch butterfly coloring page are available at the link above.

Electronic Resources on Lepidoptera

<http://www.chebucto.ns.ca/Environment/NHR/lepidoptera.html>

Incredibly complete and comprehensive website on lepidoptera.

Exploring Butterflies in Kindergarten

<http://www.ci.shrewsbury.ma.us/Sps/Schools/Beal/Curriculum/butterfly/butterflies.html>

A curriculum guide on butterflies for kindergarten teachers, from the Beal Early Childhood Center of the Shrewsbury (Mass.) public schools.

North American Butterfly Association

<http://www.naba.org/>

Images, questions and answers, the NABA butterfly count, and more.

Tropical Butterflies

<http://www.aa6g.org/Butterflies/tropical.html>

Fabulous photographs of colorful tropical butterflies.

Zoom Butterflies: All About Butterflies

<http://www.enchantedlearning.com/subjects/butterfly/>

All About Butterflies, Life Cycle, coloring pages, classroom activities, and a variety of other information is available at this kid friendly site.

## **Videos**

*Audubon Society's Butterflies for Beginners*. New York, NY: MasterVision, 1996.  
(64 minutes) New York: MasterVision, 1996.

Includes an introduction to butterfly biology, a look at the most common North American butterflies, and information on raising butterflies from caterpillars.

*Butterflies & moths.* Wynnewood, PA: Schlessinger Media, 1998. (23 minutes)

Explores interesting facts about both butterflies and moths. Explains their amazing metamorphosis and shows how to tell them apart.

*The Wonderful World of the Butterfly.* Morris Plains, NJ: Lucerne Media, 1994. (30 minutes)

Superb color photography provides remarkable close-up views of the entire life cycle of this fascinating insect.

*The Monarch Butterfly Story.* Chicago: Encyclopaedia Britannica Educational Corporation. 1987

Revision. (9 minutes)

Traces the life cycle of the monarch butterfly and discusses the insect's dependence on the milkweed plant. Shows the metamorphosis of a monarch from egg to adult butterfly and illustrates its migratory patterns.