



FUN FACTS ABOUT BUTTERFLIES



SHORT BUT SWEET

Some adult butterflies only live for a few weeks, while others live several months.



SUPER SIGHT

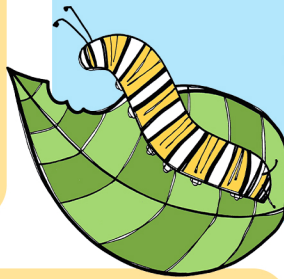
A butterfly's compound eyes are made up of thousands of tiny lenses.

MATH IN FLIGHT

Butterflies flap their wings only 5 to 12 times which is much slower than bees and flies.

NOT FROM A COCOON

Butterflies actually come from a chrysalis, not a cocoon. Cocoons are spun by moths!



TASTE WITH THEIR FEET

Butterflies have taste receptors on their feet, so they taste the leaves they land on.

AROUND THE WORLD

There are believed to be over 20,000 different species of butterflies found all around the world.

WINGS LIKE SCALES

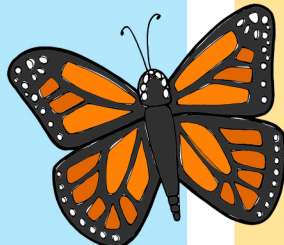
Butterfly wings are covered in tiny overlapping scales. The scientific name for their group, Lepidoptera, means "scaly wings."

COLD-BLOODED FLIERS

Butterflies need warm sunshine to fly because they cannot control their own body temperature.

MILLIONS OF MILES

Monarch butterflies can migrate over 2,000 miles from Canada all the way to Mexico.



DRINKING WITH A STRAW

Butterflies use their long proboscis like a built-in drinking straw to sip nectar.