



# The Butterfly Program

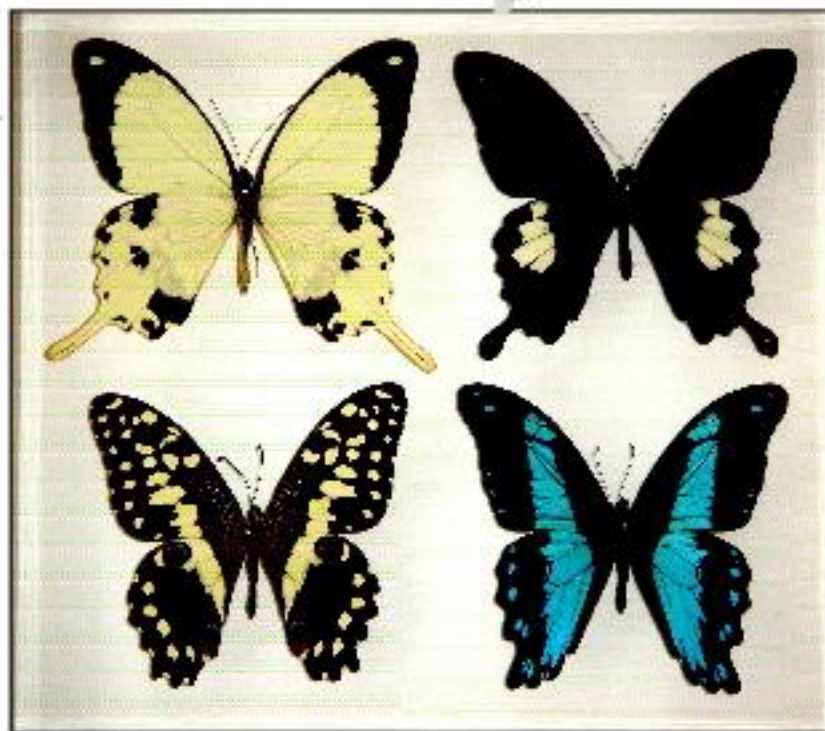


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### Language Arts/Vocabulary Development

Throughout the entire program certain key words will be introduced or used in discussion. Examples include:

1. Protective coloration
2. Mimicry
3. Camouflage
4. Cocoon
5. Chrysalis
6. Metamorphosis
7. Larva
8. Pupa
9. Adult
10. Iridescent
11. Variation
12. Pollination
13. Predator
14. Entomology
15. Lepidopterist
16. Environment
17. Climate
18. Natural Resources
19. Rainforest
20. "Fidgin"
21. Thorax
22. Abdomen



The wordlist and other vocabulary words can be used in conjunction with dictionary or science test glossary entries as a language art development exercise.

### Environmental Education

Much of the content in this program is geared toward the local area. The prospectus for outdoor education activities are numerous and can be formulated in the classroom. The materials needed for collecting purposes can all be obtained handmade with very little expense. Butterfly "watching" and photography are emphasized as alternatives to actual collecting.

Butterfly "gardening" is also becoming a popular backyard activity and gardeners are planting both wild and domestic flowers to attract native butterflies.

Most schools and public libraries have many texts and natural history books that lend themselves to this program. The Golden Nature Series, Audubon Guides and Peterson Field Guides are all excellent references and can be used by any age.

An interesting feature of this program is the co-incidental occurrence of the teaching and actual raising of the Painted Lady Butterfly in many of the second and third grades in NYS. Also in the fall of the year young students delight in finding, rearing and re-releasing Monarch Butterflies.

The information presented in this program depicts butterflies and moths in their stages of development.

Also the concept of conservation is emphasized strongly throughout the presentation. The primary grades are especially cautioned about handling the fragile insects.