



Moths

With Ranger Paul



Learn about moths and make a moth trap.

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WHAT YOU NEED
White sheet, torch.

LEARN

1. How do you tell a moth from a butterfly? There are 10 x more moth species than butterfly species! Can you name any moths?
2. Moths are mostly nocturnal and feed on nectar from night flowering plants like honeysuckle & jasmine. You could plant some to feed the moths.
3. Some moths are well camouflaged like the Buff-tip which looks like a twig (below) or the Chinese character which looks like bird poo!



Answers: 1. Usually butterflies have thin antennae with little balls at the end and moths can have either thin or feathery antennae. At rest, butterflies fold their wings up in the air and moths fold their wings along their back.

MAKE

A moth trap. At night hang a white sheet on a washing line or over a fence and shine a torch into the middle. Turn off any other nearby lights. Wait patiently and see which moths are attracted to the light. You can try to gently catch some and put them in jam jars to take a closer look. Remember to let them go. If you can't hang a sheet you can leave an inside light on and see which moths come to the closed window.

DO

Try to identify the moths you see (visit the Butterfly Conservation 'Identify a Moth' webpage for some help). You could also make records and drawings of what you see like scientists do.



MAKE SOMEONE LAUGH

What is the biggest moth in the world?
A mammoth!

ANSWER

Is the picture above of a butterfly or moth?
Last week's answer: Red.



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