

Fun Facts About BUTTERFLIES

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Interesting facts about BUTTERFLIES



- There are about 17,500 species of butterflies in the world, and around 750 species in the United States.
- There are 6 different families of butterflies.
- Butterflies don't eat, they drink through their proboscis.
- The average life span of a butterfly is one month. Some smaller butterflies live less than a week, while some can live close to a year!
- The largest butterfly in the world is the Queen Alexandra's Birdwing with a wingspan of 9-11 inches!
- The smallest butterfly in the word is the Western Pygmy Blue with a wingspan of about ½ inch.
- Butterflies have 4 wings which are covered in thousands of tiny scales.



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Papilionidae
 SWALLOWTAILS



Nymphalidae
 BRUSH FOOTED



Hesperiidae
 SKIPPERS



Lycæniidae
 BLUES & HAIRSTREAKS



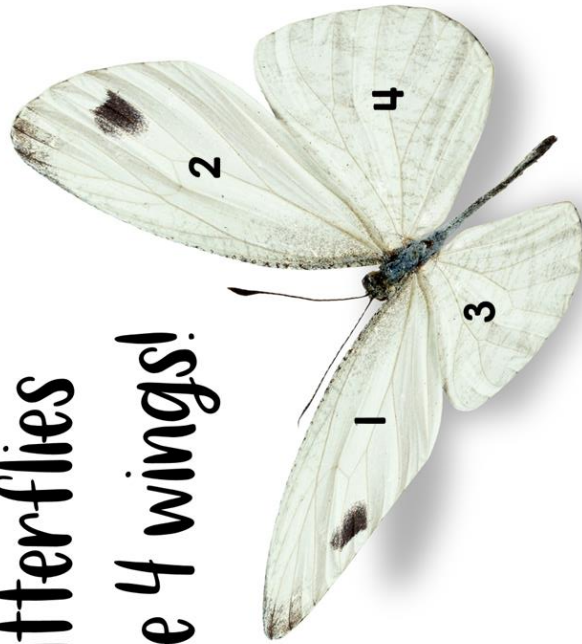
Riodinidae
 METAL MARKS



Pieridae
 WHITES, SULPHURS, YELLOWS



Butterflies
have 4 wings!



Butterfly wings are
covered in thousands of
SCALES!

I don't eat,
I only drink!

I use my

PROBOSCIS

to drink.



This is my
proboscis.

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The Mourning Cloak
lives 10-11 months.



The Monarch
lives up to 8-9 months.



The Silver-studded Blue
lives 3-4 days.

