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Easy-to-spot butterflies

Do you recognise any of these butterflies?
These are the ones you are most likely to see.

gatekeeper



small white



holly blue



comma



speckled wood



green-veined white



small tortoiseshell



large white



wall



common blue



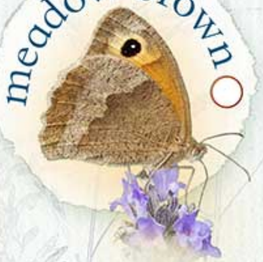
small copper



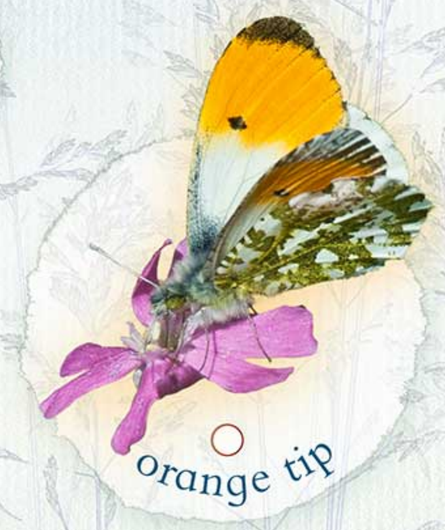
large skipper



meadow brown



orange tip



peacock



red admiral



painted lady



brimstone

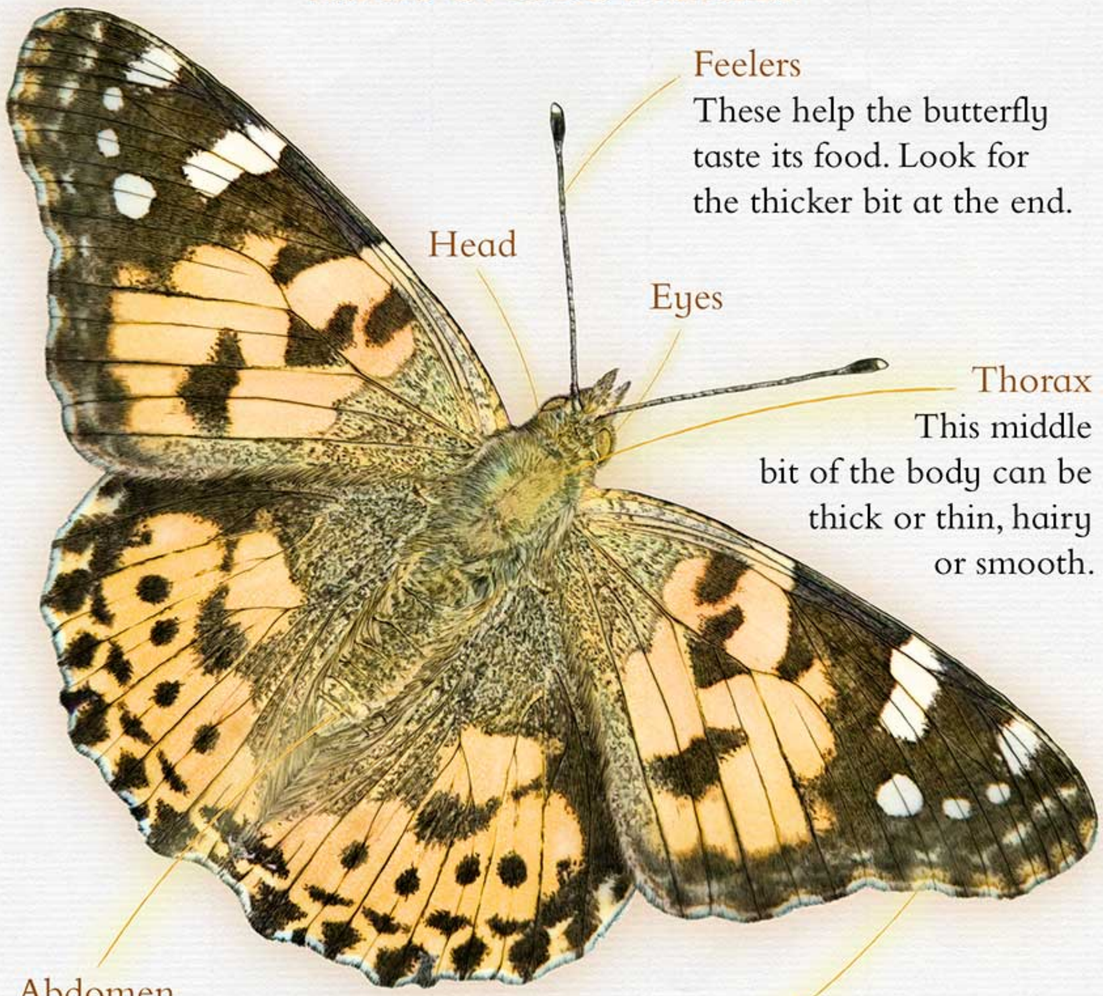


Tick them off as you find them.

Looking at butterflies

Butterflies are insects. This means they have six legs and their bodies are made up of three sections – the head, thorax and abdomen.

PARTS OF A BUTTERFLY



Feelers
These help the butterfly taste its food. Look for the thicker bit at the end.

Head

Eyes

Thorax
This middle bit of the body can be thick or thin, hairy or smooth.

Abdomen
A butterfly is covered in tiny scales right down to its abdomen. This is the end section of its body.

Wings
Butterflies are often colourful for attracting mates but some are dull to help them hide.

Amazing butterflies

How long do butterflies live for? What is a lepidoperist? Find the answers below.

Male butterflies are often more colourful than female ones.

Butterflies cannot fly if their body temperature is too cold. That is why they are mostly seen on sunny days.

On average, butterflies live for about a month.

Antarctica is the only place where there are no butterflies.

Moths are usually less colourful than butterflies, have hairier bodies, keep their wings out when resting and mostly fly at night.

In some countries, humans eat butterflies.

Someone who studies butterflies is called a lepidopterist.

Butterfly-spotters, turn the page!

