

Garden butterflies



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THINGS TO DO IN JULY

- Look for butterflies, moths and caterpillars
- Learn about the butterfly life cycle
- Find out about animal camouflage
- Try and see some moths
- Do the Big Butterfly Count (mid July - mid August)
- Plant a bee and butterfly garden

RESOURCES

1. Is it a moth or a butterfly?

[https://www.record-lrc.co.uk/Downloads/Moth%20vs%20butterfly\[06052020\].pdf](https://www.record-lrc.co.uk/Downloads/Moth%20vs%20butterfly[06052020].pdf)

2. Butterfly caterpillar spotter sheet

https://www.treetoolsforschools.org.uk/activities/pdfs/pdf_butterfly_caterpillar_spotter_sheet.pdf

3. Make a butterfly ID dial

https://www.treetoolsforschools.org.uk/activities/pdfs/pdf_butterfly_idial.pdf

4. Make a caterpillar

<https://butterfly-conservation.org/sites/default/files/2020-03/Make%20a%20Caterpillar.pdf>

5. Butterfly race game

https://butterfly-conservation.org/sites/default/files/2020-03/Butterfly%20Race%20Game_0.pdf

6. Butterfly wordsearch

https://butterfly-conservation.org/sites/default/files/2020-03/Butterfly%20Wordsearch_0.pdf

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How to watch moths



Light trap

What you need:

- white sheet
- washing line
- pegs
- bright lamp or torches



- 1 Peg your sheet on a washing line or over a branch.
- 2 Turn off nearby lights.
- 3 Shine your torch/light onto the sheet... wait patiently.
- 4 ID the moths that gather.

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Night time moth detective








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Grow a bee and butterfly garden





Provide for bees and butterflies all year round by planting shrubs and plants that flower at different times.





Spring

-  Primrose
-  Garlic mustard
-  Sweet rocket
-  Aubretia
-  Honesty

Summer

-  Buddleia
-  Honeysuckle
-  Lavender
-  Red valerian
- Hebe

Autumn

-  Ivy
-  Hyssop
-  Ice plant
-  Sweet scabious
- Michaelmas daisy

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