

Pollination Station Butterflies!



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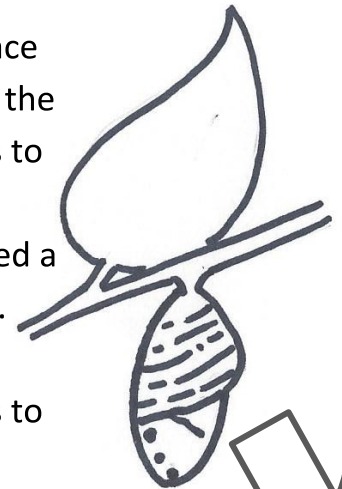
It's hard not to be mesmerized by the graceful movements of a butterfly as it flutters by. But there's more to these beautiful insects than meets the eye. Another common pollinator of our gardens, butterflies undergo extraordinary changes over their lifetime.

2. Caterpillar The tiny caterpillar hatches from the egg by eating its way out. This hungry caterpillar then continues to eat and eat and eat as it grows.



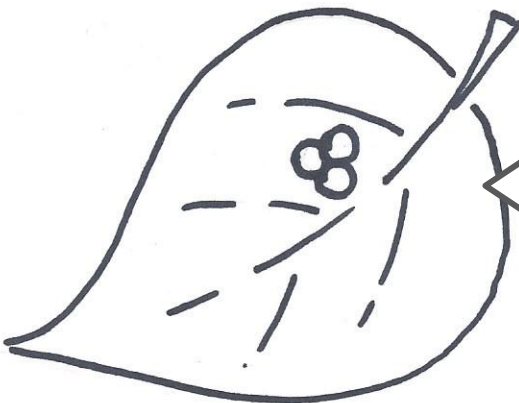
3. Pupa

Finding a safe place on a twig or leaf, the caterpillar begins to form a hard shell around itself called a pupa or chrysalis. Safe inside, the caterpillar begins to change....



1. Egg

Butterflies begin their life as a tiny egg. These eggs are laid onto stems and the undersides of leaves by the adult butterfly.



4. Butterfly

After completely transforming its body, an adult butterfly emerges from the pupa. The adults have colorful wings, long delicate legs, and a curly proboscis they use to sip nectar, sort of like a straw.

