

Butterflies: nectar flowers and caterpillar host plants

A flower visited by an adult butterfly tells only part of its life story. Caterpillars may depend on a different set of plants.

Purpose

Explore the topic by separating observations, sourced information and questions. This activity can be completed at a desk; it does not require intervention in a habitat or heritage site.

You will need: paper, a pencil and the reading source listed on the next page.

Activity steps

1. Draw separate spaces for an adult and a caterpillar.
2. Add nectar and host-plant questions to the appropriate stage.
3. Use the monarch example without generalising it to all butterflies.
4. Write what further local information a planting plan needs.

Name / group: Date: Source:

For any visit, follow the relevant site guidance. Observe without capturing, moving or feeding wildlife, or touching historic surfaces.

Your learning record

1. My sketch, diagram or direct observation

2. Information I checked in the source

3. My interpretation and unanswered questions

4. My next learning step

Reading: USFWS — Monarch

[Open the reading source](#)

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