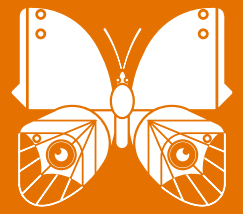


# WINGS OF A BUTTERFLY



## What makes butterfly wings so special?

Butterflies (and moths!) are insects that belong to the order Lepidoptera (LEP-i-DOP-ter-a), meaning “scale-wing.” The scales protect butterflies, help them fly, provide colors and patterns, and are waterproof. Butterflies have four wings that are almost always symmetrical, meaning they look the same on both sides.

Some butterflies camouflage, or have colors that blend into what is around them. Usually, this is in the form of colors or textures, like the veins of a leaf or spotty tree bark.



Some butterflies display warning colors that look like a bold pattern or color of a living thing that is poisonous or tastes bad.



Some butterflies mimic, or have colors that look identical to another type of butterfly, animal, or plant that confuse or scare away predators.



Now design  
your own  
butterfly  
wings!  
What colors  
or patterns  
will you use?

