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We depict **FOUR** of NZ's endemic butterflies - which unless New Zealanders learn to value and protect them, will disappear from our landscape.

Of every 100 eggs laid by a butterfly, only about **ONE** will survive to continue the species.

If it is 'born' in the autumn, an adult Monarch butterfly can live up to **NINE** months until the spring, to begin the new generation.

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A butterfly has two antennae, two forewings and two hindwings

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A caterpillar (larva) has **SIX** pointed (real) legs and eight stumpy prolegs.



An adult butterfly has **THREE** body segments - head, thorax and abdomen.

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A caterpillar (larva) will shed its skin **FIVE** times as it grows. Each stage is called an 'instar'. It can take **EIGHT** days before the caterpillar (larva) emerges from the egg.



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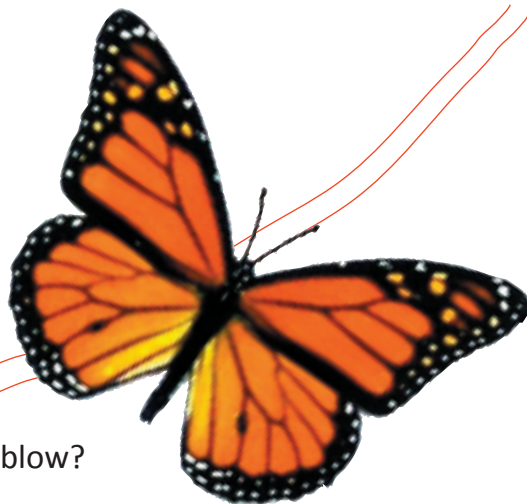
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## Butterfly Questions



How long, how long is a butterfly's wing  
Does a butterfly sneeze? Does a butterfly sing?  
A butterfly lives for... how long would you say;  
Is it more than a year - a month or a day?  
How far, how far does a butterfly fly  
Over the oceans, way up in the sky?  
What colour of flower does a butterfly choose  
Is it yellow or red, or does it like blues?  
How long, how long does a caterpillar grow?  
How does it hang on when the high wind does blow?  
When a butterfly lands on a flower so neat  
Is it dainty or light or with clodhopper feet?

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We all want answers to butterfly questions. This 'cootie-catcher' is a fun way to get children thinking! Cut along the outside lines to form a square. Fold into four smaller squares, crease well, and unfold. Fold four outer corners into centre so that coloured side is on the outside. Turn it over, so that only the central stars and writing are showing. Once more, turn the four outermost corners into the centre. Now two numbers will be showing on each side. Fold in half again to form a rectangle, two butterflies on each side. Insert the thumb and pointer finger of each hand into the pockets made by the butterflies.

There are four butterfly colours: **Blue**, **Copper**, **Red** Admiral and **Yellow** Admiral. Ask someone to choose a colour. Move the flaps in and out, and side to side, in time with the letters, "C-O-P-P-E-R spells copper, what number do you choose?" (Of course, you will spell out the colour that they have chosen, not necessarily 'copper'.)

As you finish, your cootie-catcher will be positioned so that four numbers (flaps) are showing.

Your player then chooses one of the numbers, and using the same hand movements, count that number out, and let your player choose another number. You repeat this one more time, then open the flap they choose to reveal the fascinating butterfly fact that lies within!

The Monarch Butterfly New Zealand Trust was established to protect NZ's lepidoptera and habitat. Check out our website [www.monarch.org.nz](http://www.monarch.org.nz)

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