

You've found a butterfly! Here's how to identify it...

KEY: (M) MALE (F) FEMALE **FOUND IN CALIFORNIA**

SWALLOWTAIL





GIANT SWALLOWTAIL Papilio cresphontes





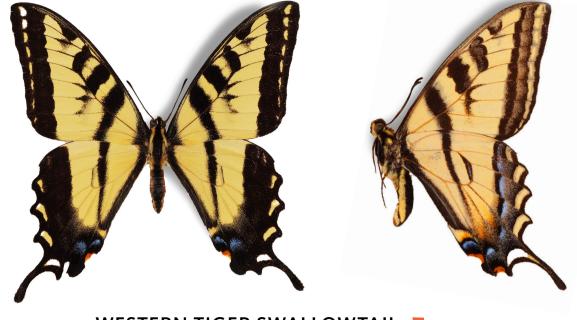
SPICEBUSH SWALLOWTAIL Papilio troilus



PIPEVINE SWALLOWTAIL Battus philenor



POLYDAMUS SWALLOWTAIL Battus polydamas



WESTERN TIGER SWALLOWTAIL Papilio rutulus

WHITE / SULFUR



GREAT SOUTHERN WHITE Ascia monuste







CLOUDLESS SULPHUR (F) Phoebis sennae



CABBAGE WHITE Pieris rapae

CALIFORNIA DOGFACE (M) Zerene eurydice

BRUSHFOOTED













BLUE MORPHO Morpho peleides







RED ADMIRAL Vanessa atalanta









STINKY LEAF Historis odius



MOURNING CLOAK Nymphalis antiopa





WHITE PEACOCK Anartia jatrophae





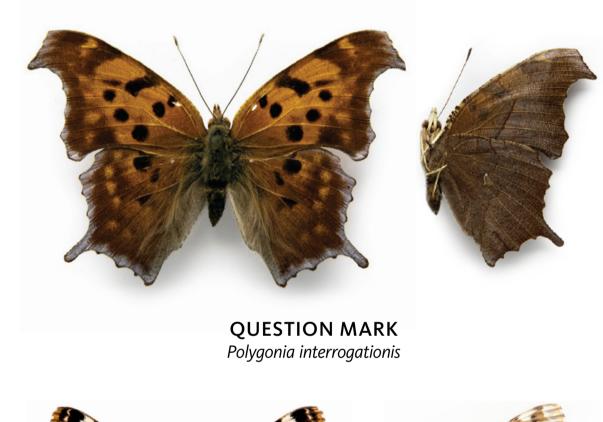


MEXICAN BLUEWING Myscelia ethusa





MALACHITE Siproeta stelenes

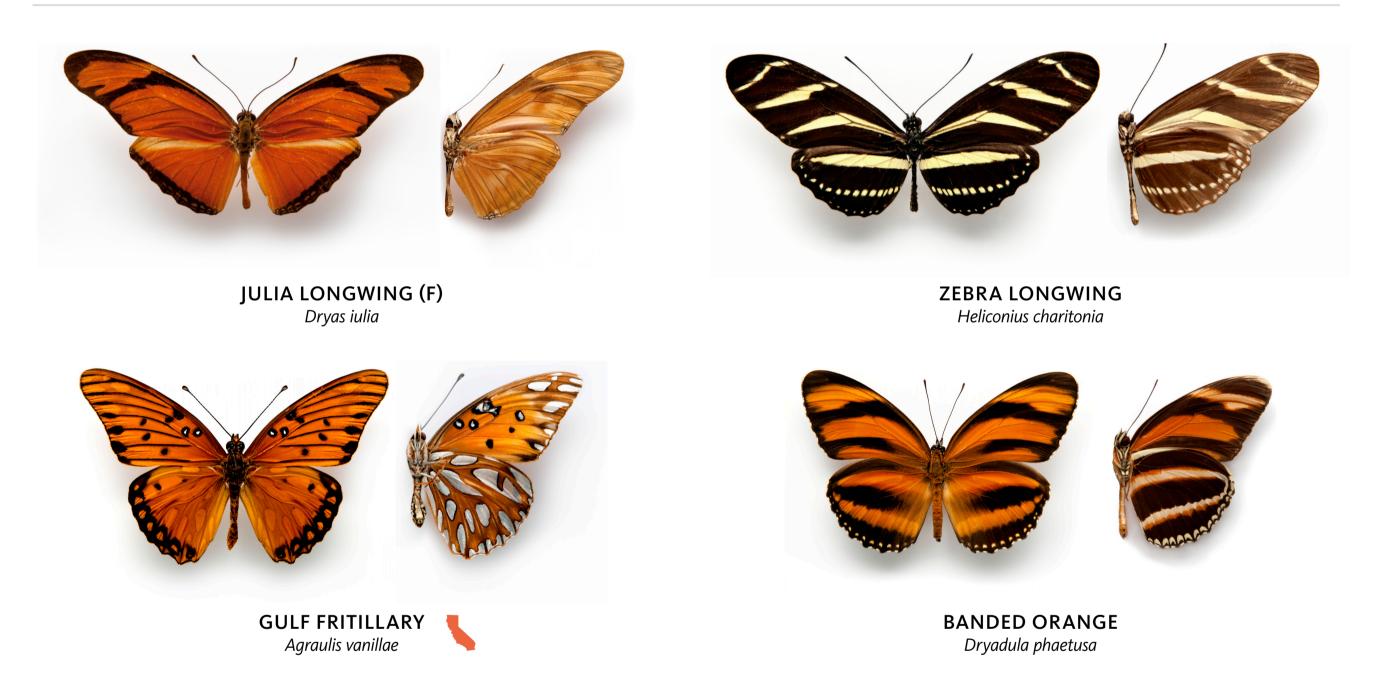




GRAY CRACKER Hamadryas februa



LONGWING



Butterflies come in a variety of shapes, sizes, colors and patterns.

These features can help camouflage (hide) butterflies from predators and also help them recognize members of their own species.

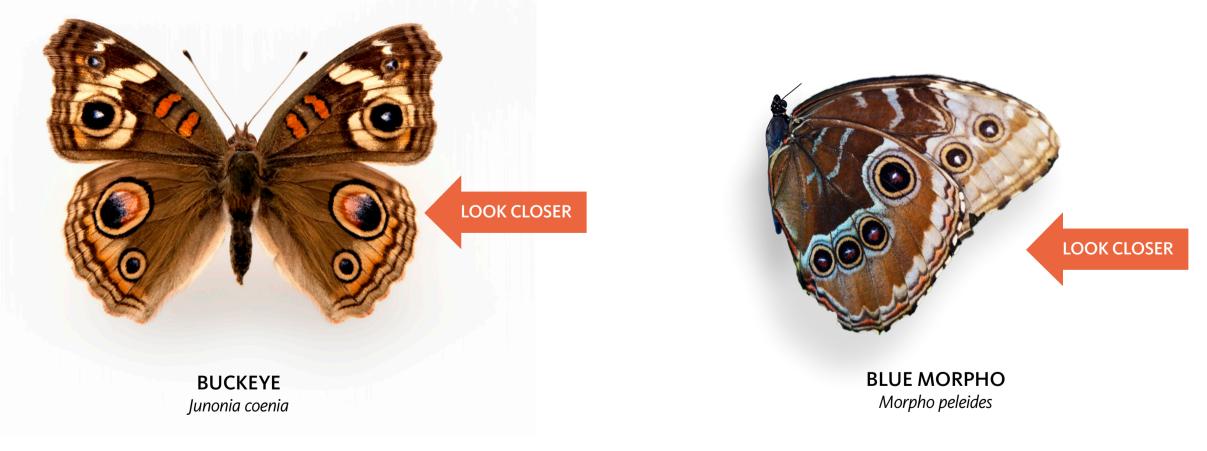
ATTRACTION

Bright colors and patterns help males and females find each other.



DECEPTION

Some wings mimic the shapes of large eyes. Can you find these "eyespots" on other butterflies?



INVISIBILITY

Colors sometimes help butterflies to disappear. What environment would be best for these butterflies to live in?











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QUESTION MARK Polygonia interrogationis

WARNING

A few butterflies taste really bad. Predators remember bold colors and avoid them.







PIPEVINE SWALLOWTAIL Battus philenor

MONARCH (M) Danaus plexippus

ZEBRA LONGWING Heliconius charitonia

What colors do you see?







What shapes and sizes do you see?

