

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

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

SWALLOWTAIL



GIANT SWALLOWTAIL
Papilio cresphontes



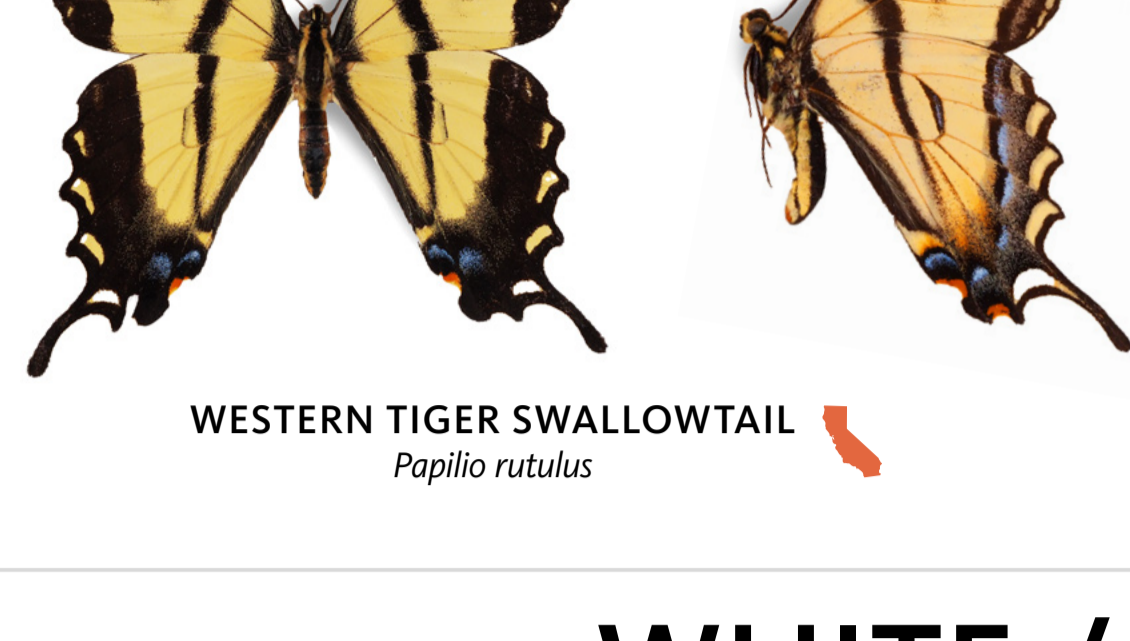
PIPEVINE SWALLOWTAIL 
Battus philenor




SPICEBUSH SWALLOWTAIL
Papilio troilus



POLYDAMUS SWALLOWTAIL
Battus polydamas




WESTERN TIGER SWALLOWTAIL 
Papilio rutulus

WHITE / SULPHUR




GREAT SOUTHERN WHITE
Ascia monuste




CLOUDLESS SULPHUR (F) 
Phoebis sennae

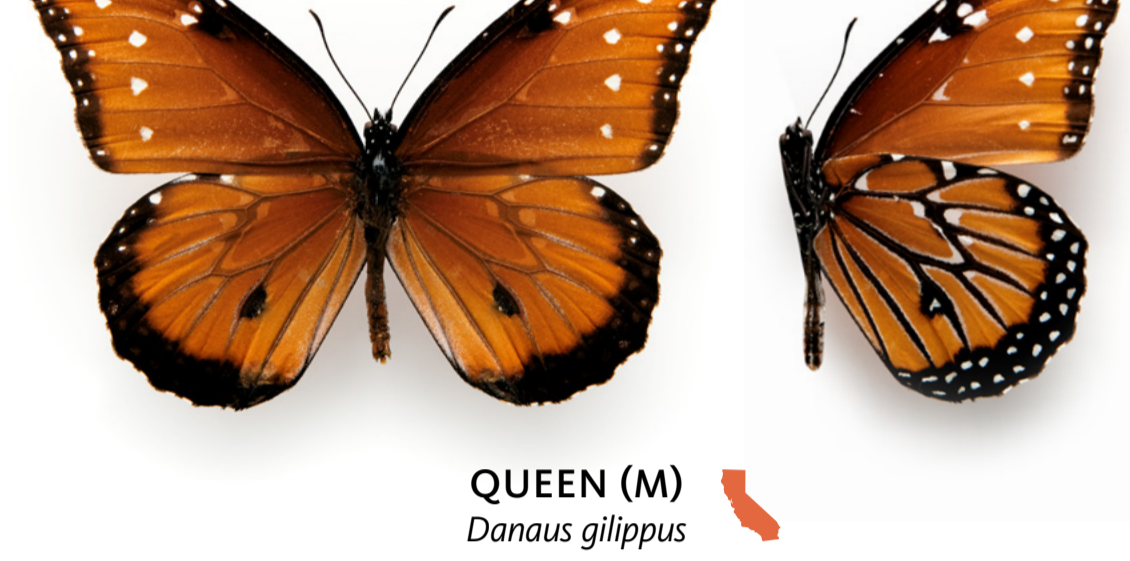


CALIFORNIA DOGFACE (M) 
Zerene eurydice




CABBAGE WHITE 
Pieris rapae

BRUSHFOOTED



QUEEN (M) 
Danaus gilippus




MONARCH (M) 
Danaus plexippus




BLUE MORPHO
Morpho peleides



RED ADMIRAL 
Vanessa atalanta



BUCKEYE 
Junonia coenia



STINKY LEAF
Historis odus



MEXICAN BLUEWING
Myscelia ethusa



MOURNING CLOAK 
Nymphalis antiopa



MALACHITE
Siproeta stelenes



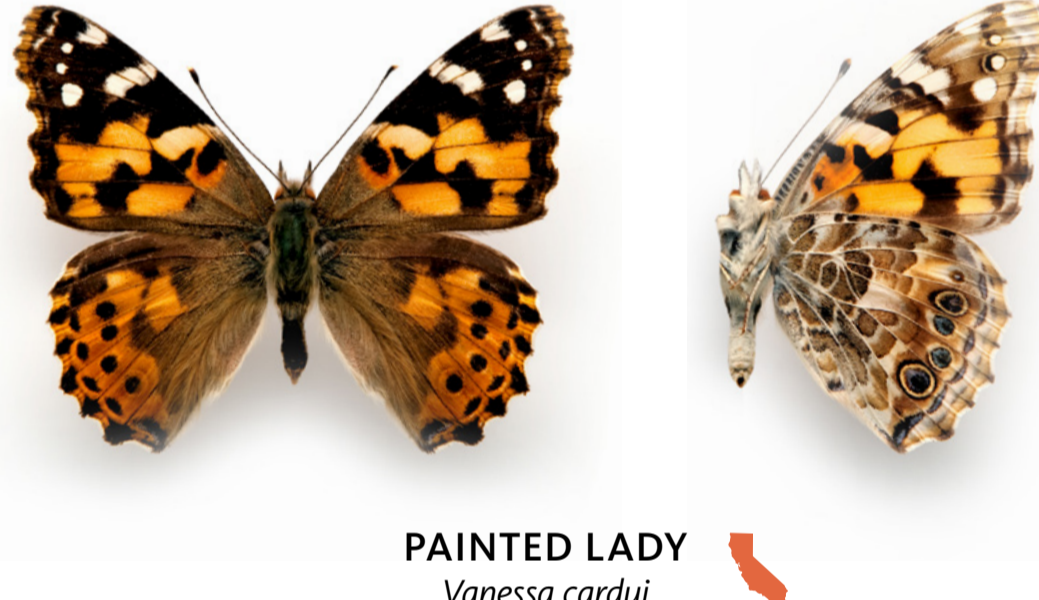
WHITE PEACOCK
Anartia jatrophae




OWL BUTTERFLY
Caligo telamonius



GRAY CRACKER
Hamadryas februa

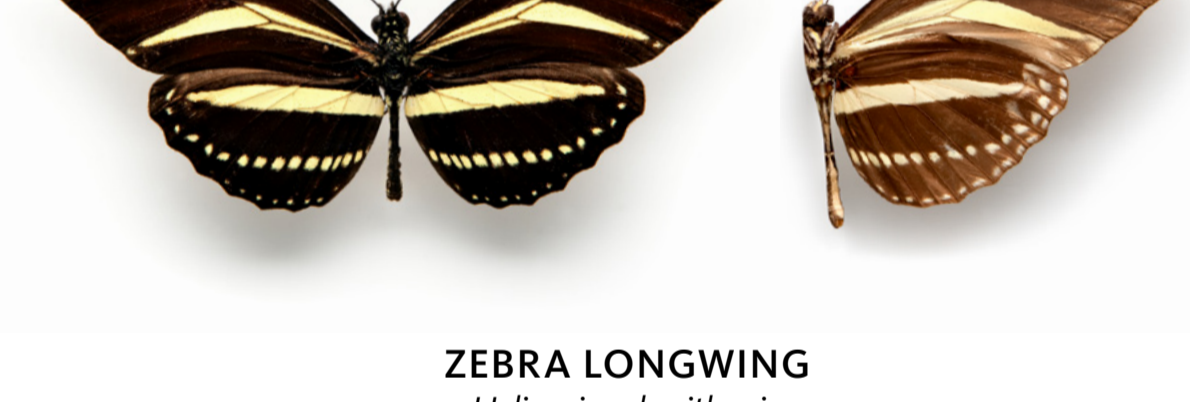


PAINTED LADY 
Vanessa cardui

LONGWING



JULIA LONGWING (F)
Dryas iulia



ZEBRA LONGWING
Heliconius charithonia



GULF FRITILLARY 
Agraulis vanillae



BANDED ORANGE
Dryadula phaetusa

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.



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Dryas iulia



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DECEPTION

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



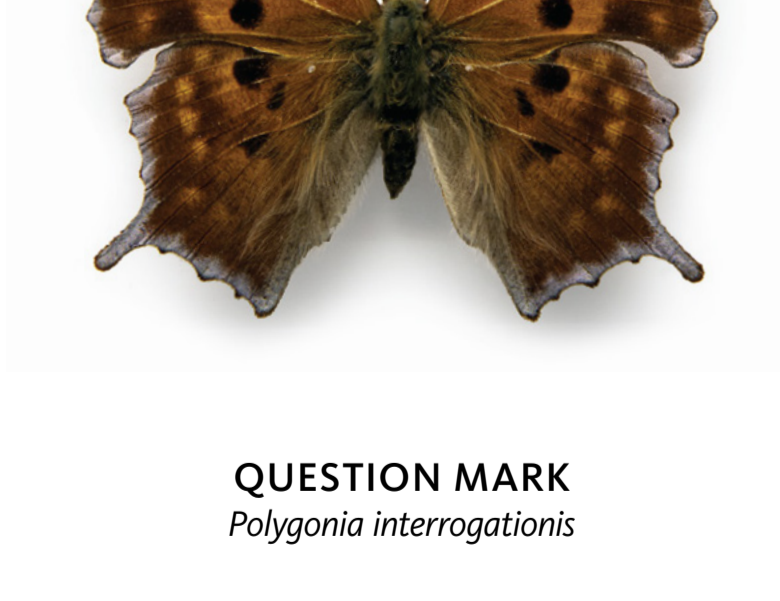
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INVISIBILITY

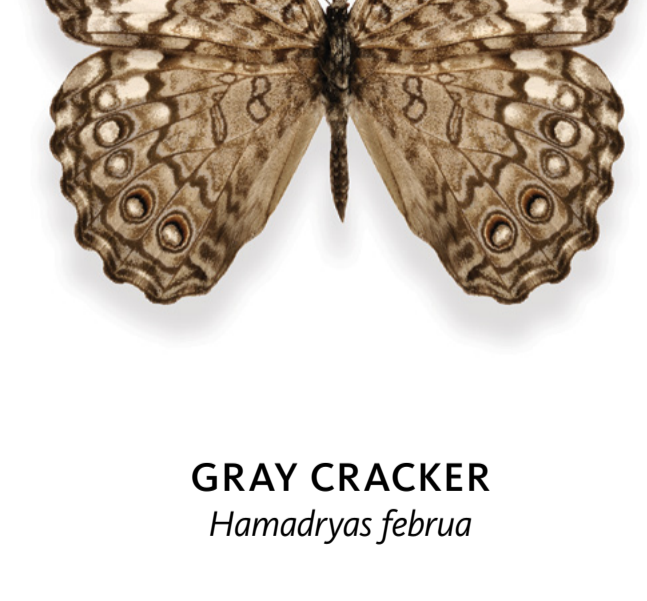
Colors sometimes help butterflies to disappear. What environment would be best for these butterflies to live in?



QUESTION MARK
Polygonia interrogationis



MALACHITE
Siproeta stelenes



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WARNING

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



MONARCH (M)
Danaus plexippus



ZEBRA LONGWING
Heliconius charithonia

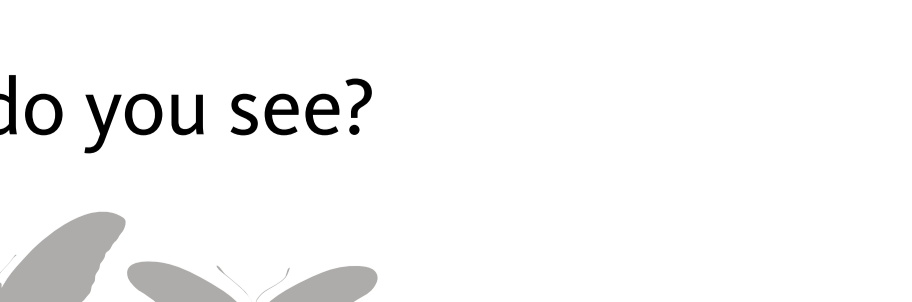


PIPEVINE SWALLOWTAIL
Battus philenor

What colors do you see?



What patterns do you see?



What shapes and sizes do you see?

