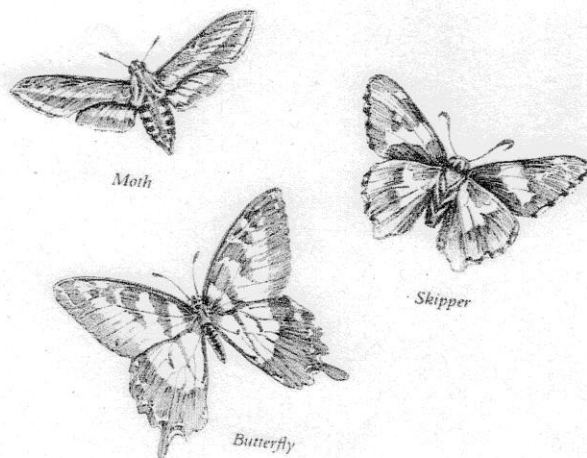


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Butterfly Lady

Butterfly, Moth or Skipper

They are all Lepidoptera! They are insects with six pairs of legs, two pair of scale-covered wings and a tube-like proboscis to sip their food.



Butterflies have clubbed antennae and mostly fly in daylight hours. They are more colorful than the moths or skippers.

Moths have straight antennae without the clubbed ends (females), while the male moths have antennae resembling feathers. They have heavy, hairy bodies and generally fly at night. They spin a silk cocoon around their pupae.

Skippers are smaller than most butterflies and moths with (mostly) drab gray or brown coloring. The antennae have tiny hooked ends.