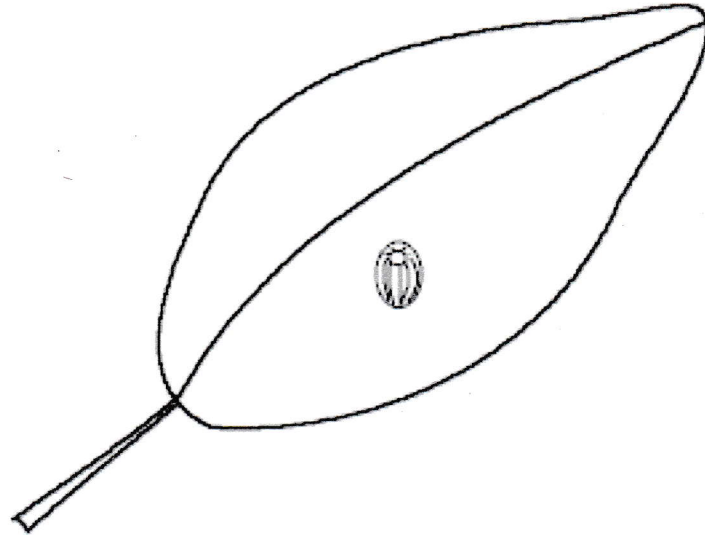


# Life Cycle of a Butterfly

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Tiny butterfly eggs are usually laid on the underside of a leaf.



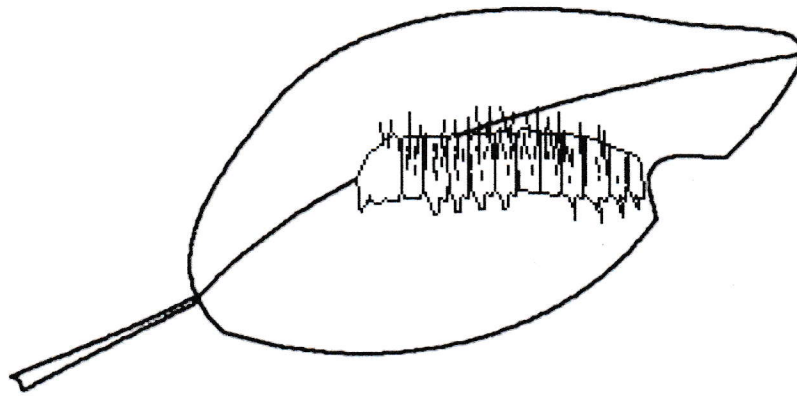
**This is an egg.**

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A tiny larva, called a caterpillar, hatches from the egg. It eats leaves and molts (sheds its skin) many times as it grows.



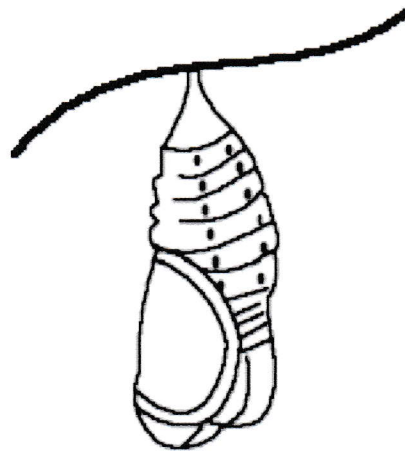
**This is a caterpillar.**

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When it has grown  
enough, the caterpillar  
turns into a pupa (also  
called a chrysalis).



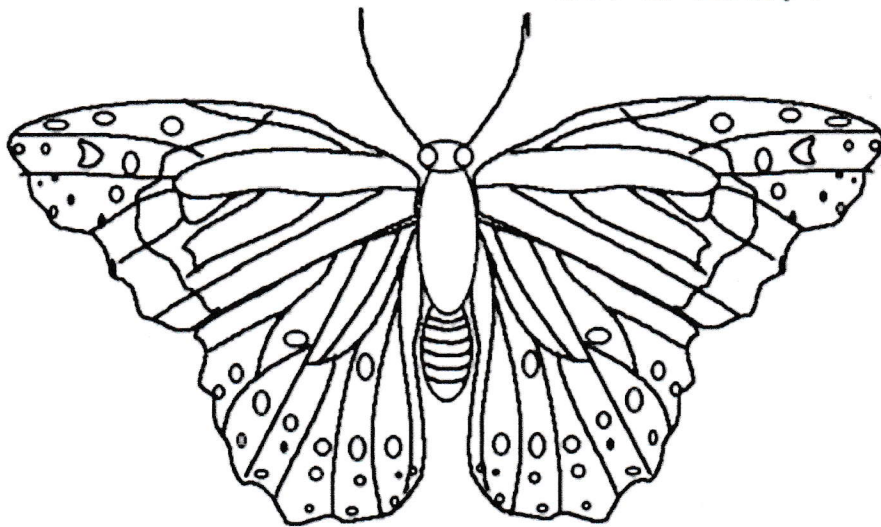
**This is a pupa.**

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A fully-grown adult  
emerges from the pupa.  
It will soon mate and then  
the female will lay eggs  
on a leaf.



**This is the adult.**

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