

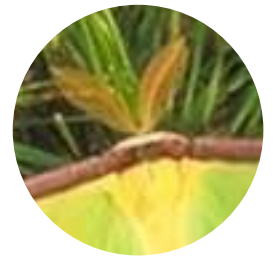
Butterflies vs. Moths

The differences between them

Both butterflies and moths are members of the order Lepidoptera. So what makes them different from each other?

Here are a few general differences:

- Butterflies typically have smooth knobbed antennae while those of the moth are usually feathery or branched.
- Butterflies have smooth slender bodies while moths tend to have plump fuzzy bodies.
- Most butterflies fly during the day while moths usually fly at night.
- Butterflies usually rest with their wings upright and moths spread their wings out.
- Most brightly colored Lepidoptera are butterflies.



(Example of feathery antennae)



Moth
(In the larva stage)

Cecropia Moth

(As with most moths this one has a large fuzzy body and feathery antennae.)



Luna Moth

(Some moths have no mouth parts as adults so they cannot eat – and live only a few days.)



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Io Moth

(This moth has large eyespots to scare away predators.)