

# The Life-cycle of the Small Tortoiseshell butterfly

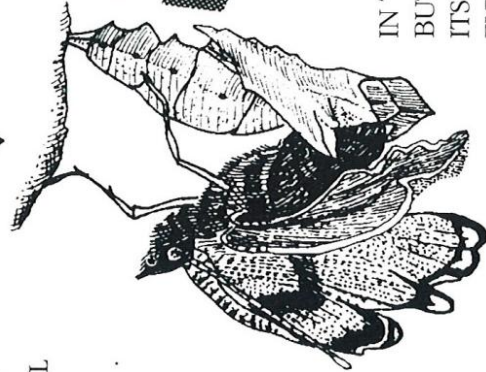
## Butterfly Facts

### DURING ITS LIFE A BUTTERFLY PASSES THROUGH FOUR STAGES . . .

... AND THEN FLIES OFF IN SEARCH OF A MATE . . .

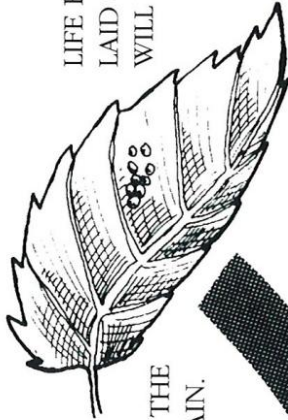


THE BUTTERFLY RESTS UNTIL ITS WINGS ARE DRY . . .



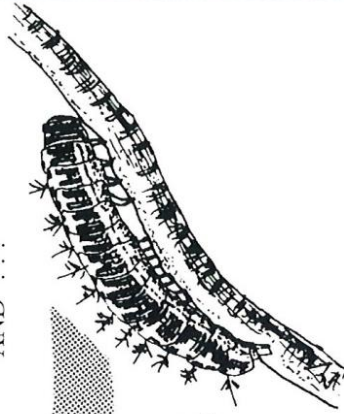
THE ADULT BUTTERFLY EMERGES.

... TO BEGIN THE LIFE CYCLE AGAIN.



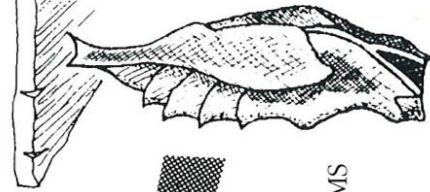
LIFE BEGINS AS AN EGG LAID ON A PLANT THAT WILL BE FOOD FOR . . .

... THE CATERPILLAR. AFTER HATCHING, THE CATERPILLAR GROWS, HELPED BY A VORACIOUS APPETITE AND . . .

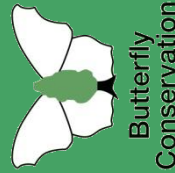


FIVE OR SIX CHANGES OF SKIN!

ONCE FULLY GROWN, THE CATERPILLAR FINDS A SUITABLE SITE AND FORMS ITSELF INTO A CHRYSALIS, OR PUPA.



IN THE PUPA THE BUTTERFLY REFORMS ITSELF UNTIL EVENTUALLY . . .



Butterfly Conservation