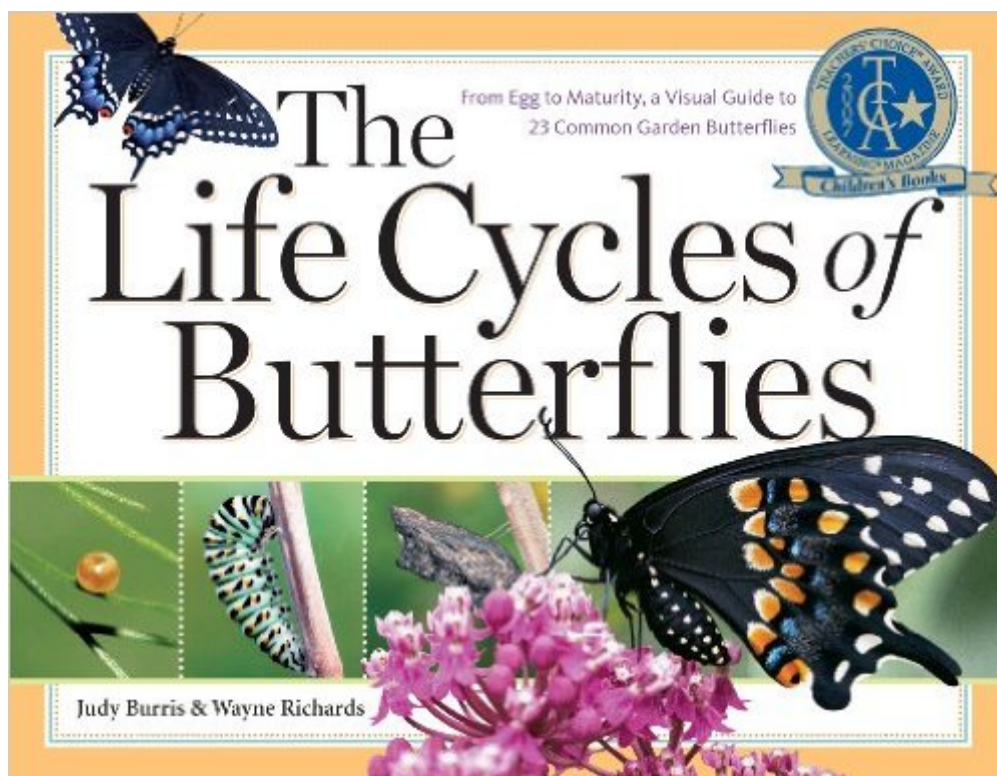


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# The Life Cycles Of Butterflies: From Egg To Maturity, A Visual Guide To 23 Common Garden Butterflies



## Synopsis

For everyone who has ever marveled as a butterfly magically emerges from a chrysalis, this book is a treasure chest of amazing butterfly transformations. You are invited to experience the life cycles of common backyard butterflies in this unique collection of hundreds of stunning, full-color, up-close photos, all taken in a live garden setting. Each butterfly is shown from start to maturity, with sequential photographs of the egg, caterpillar, chrysalis, and emerging butterfly. This richly visual guide to the life cycles of butterflies will appeal to wildlife enthusiasts, gardeners, teachers, and families alike. This book has earned two national awards from Learning Magazine -- (1) Teacher's Choice Award for "Children's Books" (2) Teacher's Choice Award for "Product of Excellence for the Family."

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## Customer Reviews

There aren't many books out there that feature quality photographs identifying butterflies and caterpillars by species. This book does that and more. Although it only features those species that occur in the region in which the authors live (Kentucky is their home state,) the book shows clear pictures of each life stage: egg, caterpillar in both early and late stages, chrysalis, and adult butterfly. Each species also has useful information listed in the text, such as known host plant(s) and favored nectar plants. There are also some additional species shown as adults in the back of the book for which the authors have yet to photo-document an entire life cycle. I have seen this listed as a children's book, and it would be appropriate for many children, but I find it quite beautiful

and informative enough to be suitable for adults as well. I've been gardening for birds, butterflies and bees for years now. One of my successes was having Black Swallowtail caterpillars the very first year I grew dill for them. But when I bought this book I was able to locate and identify the tiny eggs, and observe the entire life cycle of this species. I live in the Mid-Atlantic region, and most of the butterflies profiled in the book also occur in my area. Some species profiled occur over most of the U.S.--like the Monarch and Painted Lady-- but some are more limited in range. If you live on the Pacific coast, for instance, you might not see many of these butterflies. The photos are still beautiful. The insects featured are still fascinating. And the format of the book is user-friendly.

This book is the result of research by experts that are able to teach others in most practical ways. Along with that, the photos are beautiful and give a glimpse into the innermost workings of nature that a reader has never seen or imagined. Practical guides for planting your own butterfly garden will give you a taste of paradise in your own back yard. A "must have" for anyone interested in butterflies, from the seasoned to the novice seeking to know more about the subject.

I bought this for my five-year-old for her birthday to accompany the butterfly kit. Some info is a little advanced, but most of it, she understands and is fascinated by it. The photographs are great, and the layout is spot on.

For anyone interested in butterflies this is a must for your library. Simple enough for a four-year-old to enjoy it will also appeal to the serious butterfly gardener who wishes to establish a habitat for these lovely creatures. I will enjoy it over and over. It also will make a great gift to your school library or just to a friend. This Master Gardener gives it an A+.

A most excellent book both photographic and informational. The authors are very interested in this subject and are happy to answer questions from readers. No other book has this type of photographic reference for eggs, caterpillars and host plants. Can't say enough positive things about this one!

The best book I've read on butterflies. Excellent pictures to identify each butterfly as well as the egg and caterpillar. Also extremely helpful is the listing and photo of host and nectar plants for each butterfly. I purchased another one to give my grandson for his birthday.

Great photography with the text laid out in a friendly format to let the viewer see things about butterflies they wouldn't normally see. This is not the be-all end-all butterfly book but it certainly one of the prettiest. Great for kids and adults. I'm adding it to my collection.

This is a MUST HAVE book if you have children who are butterfly enthusiasts and/or are raising a few different species of butterflies. This book has been read so many times, it is now "well loved" and a constant favorite for reference in this house. It is wonderful for learning about the different native varieties, their different molt stages, chrysalis appearances, and how to tell a male and female butterfly apart. Also, it allows the reader to explore the subject of mimicry across species and learn how to tell the species apart. Just an all out, fantastic book!

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