

Fun Moth Facts!





Moths are Insects!

From the Lepidoptera order
(Just like butterflies!)



Tons of Different Kinds!

There are approximately 160,000 types of moths (almost ten times that of butterflies).



No Mouths!

The mouthless Luna Moth, only lives 2-3 days!



Moths Make Silk!

Farmers raise silk worm caterpilars, and collect the silk with which they build their cocoons.



Awesome Wings!

Moth wings are hinged together!

They use a series of loops (retinaculum)

and a fringe (frenulum) to connect.



Super Big & Small

The Atlas Moth can have a wingspan up to 12 inches while the Stigmella Maya wingspan is only 0.09 inches!



Go into the light!

Scientists think that moths use moonlight to help fly straight.

Lamp light confuses them.



Super Fact: Moths are Late night pollinators!

Because most moths are nocturnal, they go to work when bees go to sleep! This is when they pollinate night blooming flowers, like the Yucca.



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