

Butterfly Book Reviews and Recommendations for Students

Pollinator Posse – Terry Smith

General

Caterpillar, Caterpillar – Vivian French and Charlotte Voake

Peacock butterfly life cycle through eyes of young girl with coaching by grandfather.
Lovely writing and relationship – accurate facts grades 1-3

Summer Birds – The Butterflies of Maria Merian Margarita Engle and Julie Paschkis

Medieval naturalist's story of observations and journaling to discover the truth about butterflies. Biographical, focus on metamorphosis – talks about spinning cocoon but not formation of chrysalis.

Butterfly (See How They Grow series) - Kim Taylor

Swallowtail life cycle – simple text great pictures

It's a Butterfly's Life – Irene Kelly

Good general information about butterflies and moths
Mostly butterflies – lots of behavioral info too – mid level

Endangered Butterflies – Bobbie Kalman

General butterfly info including life cycle and behavior – includes sections on endangerment causes and possible solutions - 4-5th grade level

The Fairy Houses Trilogy - Tracy Kane

A fun fantasy story connection between fairies and butterflies – although illustrations are a bit awkward. Individual books: *Fairy Houses*, *Fairy Boat* and *Fairy Flight*

Monarch

**From Caterpillar to Butterfly* – Anita Ganeri

Good pictures K-3 level – good accuracy of stages - recommended

Monarch and Milkweed – Helen Frost & Leonid Gore

Focuses on connection between plant and insect. Lovely illustrations but limited information overall.

Becoming Butterflies – Anne Rockwell & Megan Halsey

Classroom setting watching and some recording or metamorphosis process. K-3

Monarch Butterflies: Mysterious Travellers – Bianca Lavies

Written by National Geographic photographer that worked with the Urquharts – focus is on their story of discovery as well as life cycle. Great photos – 4-5+

An Extraordinary Life: The Story of a Monarch Butterfly - Laurence Pringle Bob Marstall

Great illustrations – high reading level – lots of information

Focus on Easter Migration

Monarchs – Kathryn Lasky & Christopher G. Knight

Stories of various people interacting with Monarchs with lots of background info on the lifecycle and behavior. High reading level – includes a section on Pacific Grove.

The Seeds of the Milkweed 2nd grade students East End Elementary – Scholastic

Alliterative poem illustrated by 2nd graders with collage style art – very nice

A Monarch Butterfly's Life - John Himmelman

Simple – K-1 - not very accurate on chrysalis formation

Swallowtail

Busy, Busy Butterfly! Amalia Dominguez ill John Francis

Tiger swallowtail on sweet bay tree? Nice illustrations and info

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