

Butterflies

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OUTSIDE AND
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We have received some lovely photos of butterflies this week from our group.



It's lovely to see the butterflies being identified



In the space of 15 minutes,
I saw about 5 butterflies
🦋. It was in the midday
sunshine ☀️. Maybe 3
different types. I think
Gatekeeper, Silver Y and
Small White 🦋.

14:15

Why not make a butterfly feeder?

What You Need:

- A plate or plastic lid from a 1-gallon ice cream container.
- String
- Overripe, spoiling fruit.
- Orange juice



What You Do

1. Use the string to make a hanger for your plate. If you're using an old ice cream lid you can punch holes in the side and tie the string to it. If it's a plate that you can't punch holes in, use tape. You can decorate the strings with artificial flowers to make it more attractive to butterflies.
2. Hang your plate from a tree branch before you fill it to make the process less messy! It will probably attract other bugs besides butterflies, so you may want to hang it in a far corner of your yard.
3. Put overripe fruit on the plate; try slices of watermelon, oranges, or bananas. You can also add some orange juice to keep the fruit from drying out as fast. Bananas will be mushier and more appealing to butterflies if you freeze them first and then thaw them and cut them in slices.

Now relax and watch

4. Watch and see what kinds of butterflies come to eat. Do different species prefer different kinds of fruit? How many butterflies can you see feeding on your plate at once?
5. When the fruit gets too dry, throw it out and put more on the plate.

