

Phenology Friday-May, 8th, 2020

Wow! We saw many changes in the environment this week. Leaves on the trees appeared, some flowers bloomed, and a few birds started to build their nests. We also saw something really neat arrive that we hadn't seen yet this spring.
Take a look!



We observed some butterflies appear!
Head out on a wondering walk this week in search of some butterflies and share with us what you find.

Print out the attached field guide and coloring sheet from the Fish and Wildlife Service to use on your walk.

OR

Create your own field guides and drawings!

Butterfly Activity Guide: Butterfly Observations: Journal Page

Species: _____

List three traits observed:

(ie: colors, patterns, size...)

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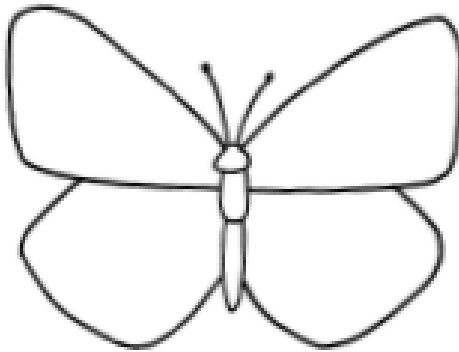
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Date: _____ Time: _____

Location: _____

Weather conditions during observations:
sunny, cloudy, hot, cold, windy, rainy

Sketch the traits you observed on the butterfly



Describe the butterfly's activity:

- fly, drink, rest, feed?

- What was the reason for this behavior?

What type of plant was it on?

- tree, shrub, grass

- name of the plant?

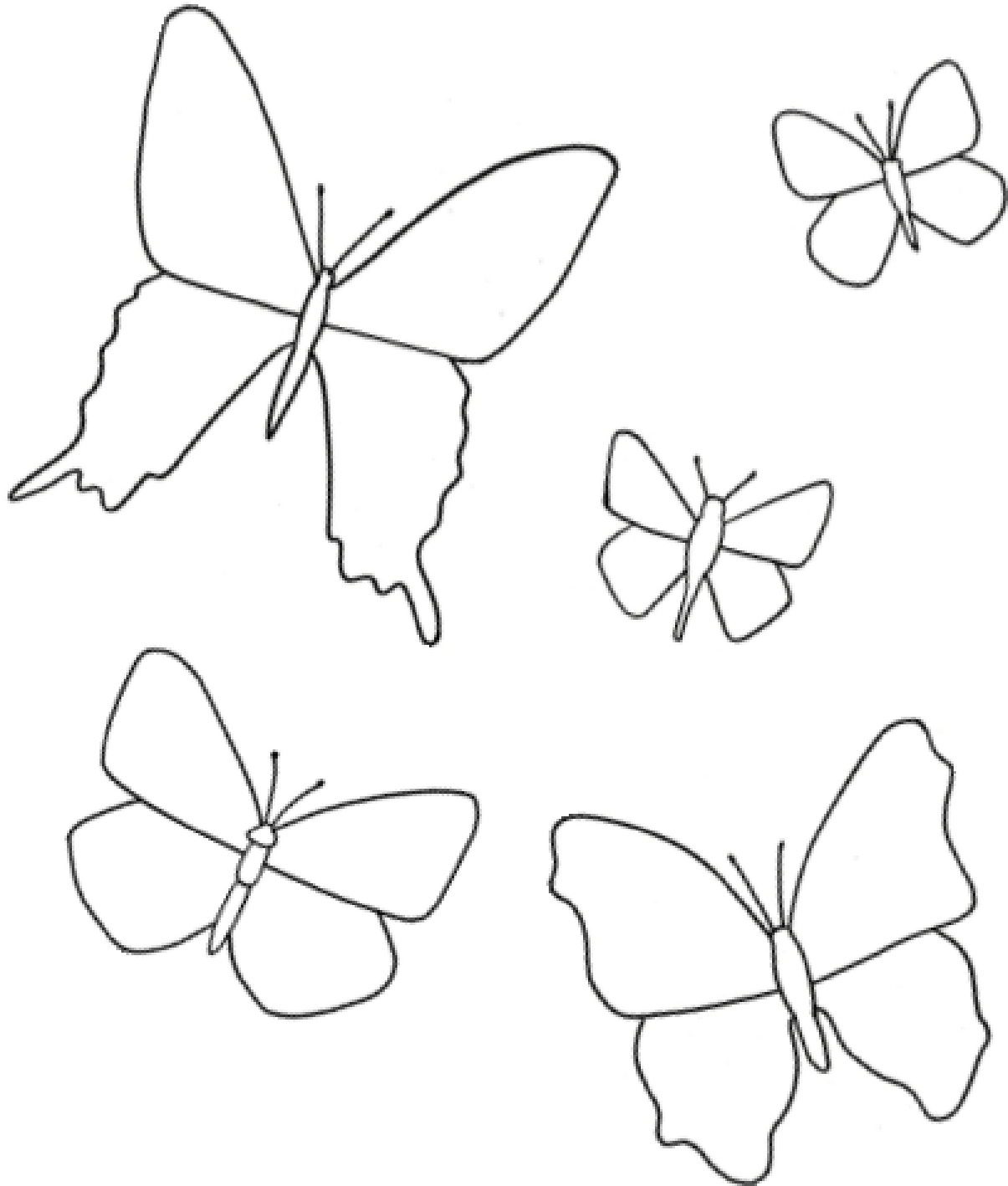
Make a sketch of the plant:

I Wonder...

Where was this animal in the past few months? _____

What will this animal be doing in the next few months? _____

Butterfly Activity Guide: Butterfly Families Coloring Page



Phenology Friday: Butterfly ID Guides

If you want to identify what you observe use the following resources:

Best for elementary and middle school:
[Butterfly Activity Guide for Prairie](#)

[Butterflies in SD \(and ND\)](#)

A resource From US Fish and Wildlife Service

All ages:

[Butterflies and Dragonflies ID Guide](#)

A resource from ND Game and Fish

Best for high school age and adults:
[Butterfly Gardening in North Dakota](#)

A resource from NDSU extension

Phenology Friday: Connect with us!

We miss seeing you all on campus and want to see your creations and observations!

Share your colorful drawings or pictures of your family out on a wondering walk.

Email or Facebook message us to be featured in next week's Phenology Friday post.

Happy Searching!

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