Queen Butterfly Life Cycle Activity Pack



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For kids ages 5–10 • Print at home, learn & play!

Meet the Queen!



1. The queen is the monarch's cousin — same butterfly family, but darker and a little smaller.
2. Her caterpillar has THREE pairs of black filaments — the middle pair is reddish. Monarch caterpillars have only two pairs!
3. The adult is a deep mahogany brown with white spots sprinkled across her wings.
4. In its chrysalis it changes completely — this is called metamorphosis. Look for the gold dots!
5. A new queen dries her wings in the sun before she can fly.
6. In Florida, queens breed all year long — no long migration like the monarch. They stay home!

In the garden: Host plant: milkweed native to your area (never tropical milkweed). Nectar: mistflower is her favorite. Attract her: plant native milkweed and mistflower in a sunny spot.

Label the Life Cycle

Look at each photo. Write the matching word from the word bank.

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Egg photo coming soon!

YOUR MISSION: Find one in the garden, take a photo, and it could star in this pack!

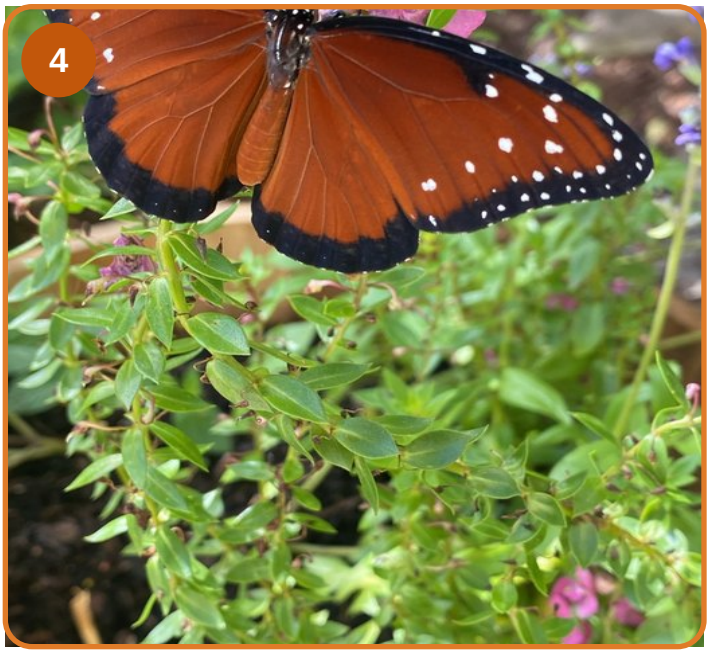
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WORD BANK

Chrysalis | Butterfly | Egg | Caterpillar

Answer key: 1 Egg 2 Caterpillar 3 Chrysalis 4 Butterfly

Cut & Order: Sequencing Cards

Cut out the cards. Put the queen's story in order!

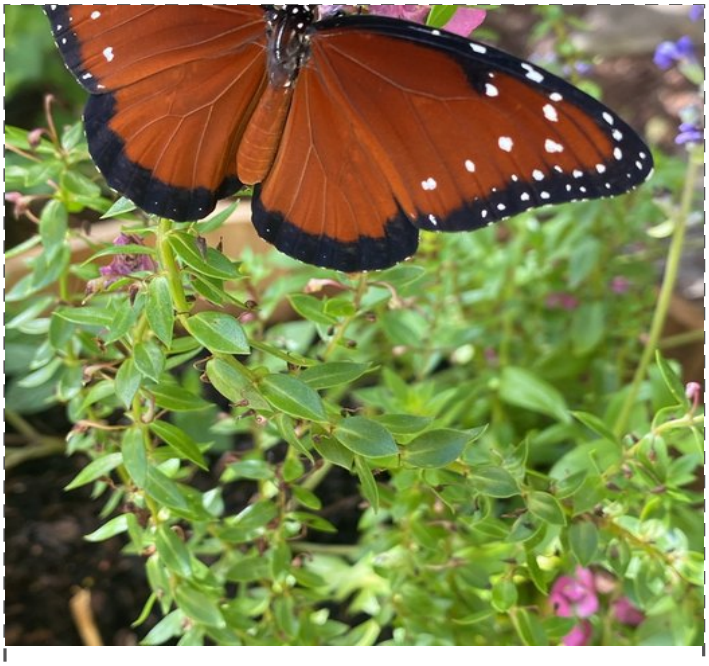


Chrysalis

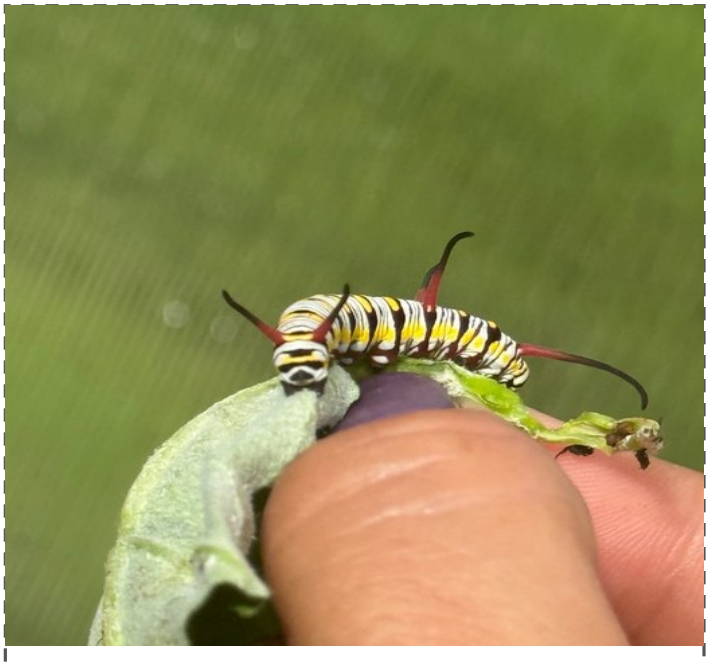
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Butterfly

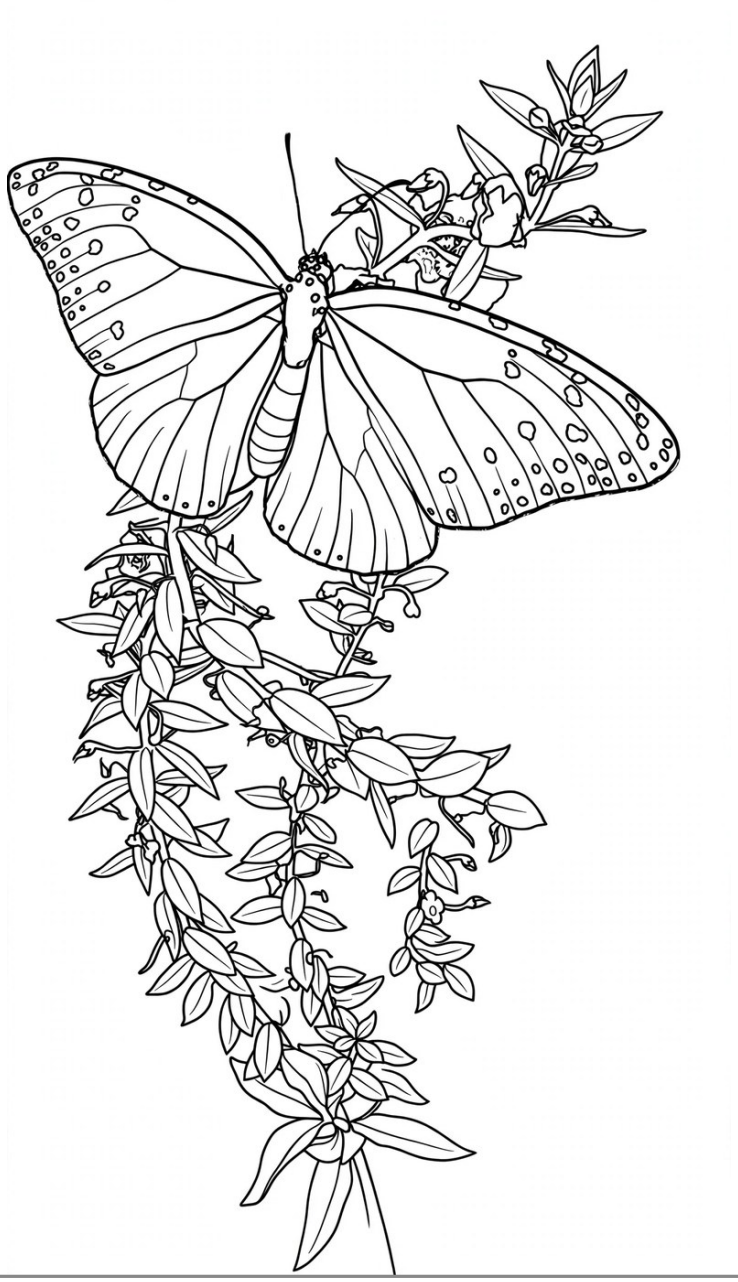


Caterpillar

× Ask a grown-up to help with the scissors! ×

Color Your Own Queen!

Real queens are mahogany brown with white spots — but yours can be any colors you dream up.



My Butterfly Journal

Draw the butterfly you saw

Today I saw...

It was sitting on...

Its wings looked like...

One new thing I learned...