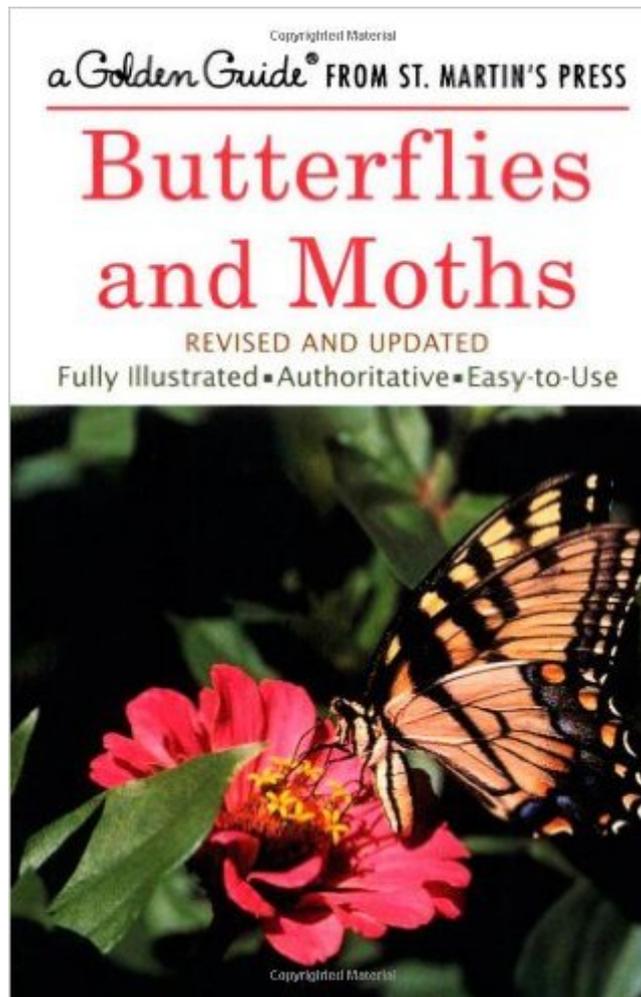


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# Butterflies And Moths (A Golden Guide From St. Martin's Press)



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This Golden Guide from St. Martin's Press illustrates in full color 423 of the most common, widespread, important, or unusual North American species of Lepidoptera. Information includes: How to identify butterflies and moths How to attract, rear and preserve them for study How to assist these fascinating insects in their struggle for survival Plus range maps, a special emphasis on immature forms, and an index of scientific names.

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## Customer Reviews

This golden guide is an excellent place to learn the basics. It's small, therefore portable, and pictures often show male and female variations, different coloration phases and a view of wings spread and folded. It also contains range maps and pupa and larva pictures for most butterflies and moths. Keep in mind, though, that pictures are artist renderings, not photos.

I carried an earlier edition of "Butterflies and Moths" around with me as I traipsed about fields near my home, butterfly hunting. I'd find a butterfly (or moth, as the case may be) and approximate which one it was through this guide. The pictures are accurate. Not only will you see the butterfly, but a close up of various parts. There are maps showing where it can be found, a very useful tool when the picture doesn't seem to match. It can help you determine if you have a certain variation, or a very lost butterfly. Though a picture is worth a thousand words, the text found here is equally helpful. There are Latin names, pupae descriptions, eating habits and more. They've been careful not to

overwhelm the reader, but there's plenty to whet the reading appetite of any young butterfly hunter. It isn't just for children. Anyone with a garden would be happy to have this as a reference or as curious reading to learn just who has been munching the lettuce. I fully recommend "Butterflies and Moths" by Robert T. Mitchell. Anthony Trendl

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For being just a tiny pocket guide this book is terrific! It has most of the common butterflies and moths as the title indicates but what I especially love is that it also shows the caterpillars! It's great to have these side by side so that if you find a caterpillar you can identify it and see what it's going to turn into. Really great reference.

I recently purchased my second copy of this classic field guide. I still have my original after thirty-six years (it sold for \$1.00 back then). It is loaded with just enough useful information to help you identify many of the most common North American species. What I like most about this guide is the convenient small size.

Zim and Mitchell's guide is renowned for its simplistic, yet thorough, approach to enjoying moths and butterflies. These men's love of nature shines in this book which is a super beginner's to novice's guide on the subject. Start here. Let your library and interests...and love grow. Mitchell passed away in 1998. This book remains his legacy for all to enjoy.

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Like all the other golden guide books, this one is very informative, the pictures give you a good way to identify butterflies and moths you find, and it is overall a very good read. I recommend everyone to have at least one golden guide in their house, and this one is a very good one to have.

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