

# BUTTERFLY METAMORPHOSIS TIMELINE

Species Observation Log

**DAYS 1 - 7**

## **I. THE EGG (OVUM)**

Small, oval, or cylindrical object usually laid on the underside of a host plant leaf.

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**WEEKS 2 - 4**

## **II. THE LARVA (CATERPILLAR)**

The feeding stage. The larva molts its skin multiple times (instars) as it grows rapidly.

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**DAYS 10 - 15**

## **III. THE PUPA (CHRYsalis)**

The transformation stage. Tissues are broken down and rebuilt into the adult butterfly structure.

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## **IV. THE ADULT (IMAGO)**

The reproductive stage. The butterfly emerges, pumps fluid into its wings, and seeks a mate.

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Metamorphosis Tracking Chart â€¢ Date Started: \_\_\_\_\_ â€¢ Location:

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