

# BUTTERFLY LIFE CYCLE

## Observation & Growth Timeline

### **Stage 1: The Egg**

Duration: 3-5 Days

Small, oval objects laid on the underside of milkweed leaves.

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### **Stage 2: The Larva**

Duration: 2-5 Weeks

Commonly known as the caterpillar. Focuses entirely on eating and growing.

### **Stage 3: The Pupa**

Duration: 1-2 Weeks

The chrysalis phase. Tissues are broken down and rebuilt into adult structures.

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### **Stage 4: Adult**

Duration: 2-6 Weeks

The butterfly emerges, dries its wings, and begins the cycle again.

## FIELD OBSERVATIONS