



# Butterflies & Moths



On the Cover  
**Painted Lady Butterfly**  
(*Phymata sp.*)  
*hovering over a Hydrangia*

(According to English folklore, the name 'Butterfly' arose from "Flutterby", an early designation that, quite accurately, described its flight pattern.)

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**Painted Lady Butterfly**  
(*Chauliognathus pennsylvanicus*)



**European Skipper Butterfly**  
(*Thymelicus lineola*)



**European Skipper**  
*(thymelicus lineola)*  
*Britannia Meadow*





**Painted Lady Butterflies** (*Vanessa kershawi*)  
on a **Coneflower** (*Echinacea*)

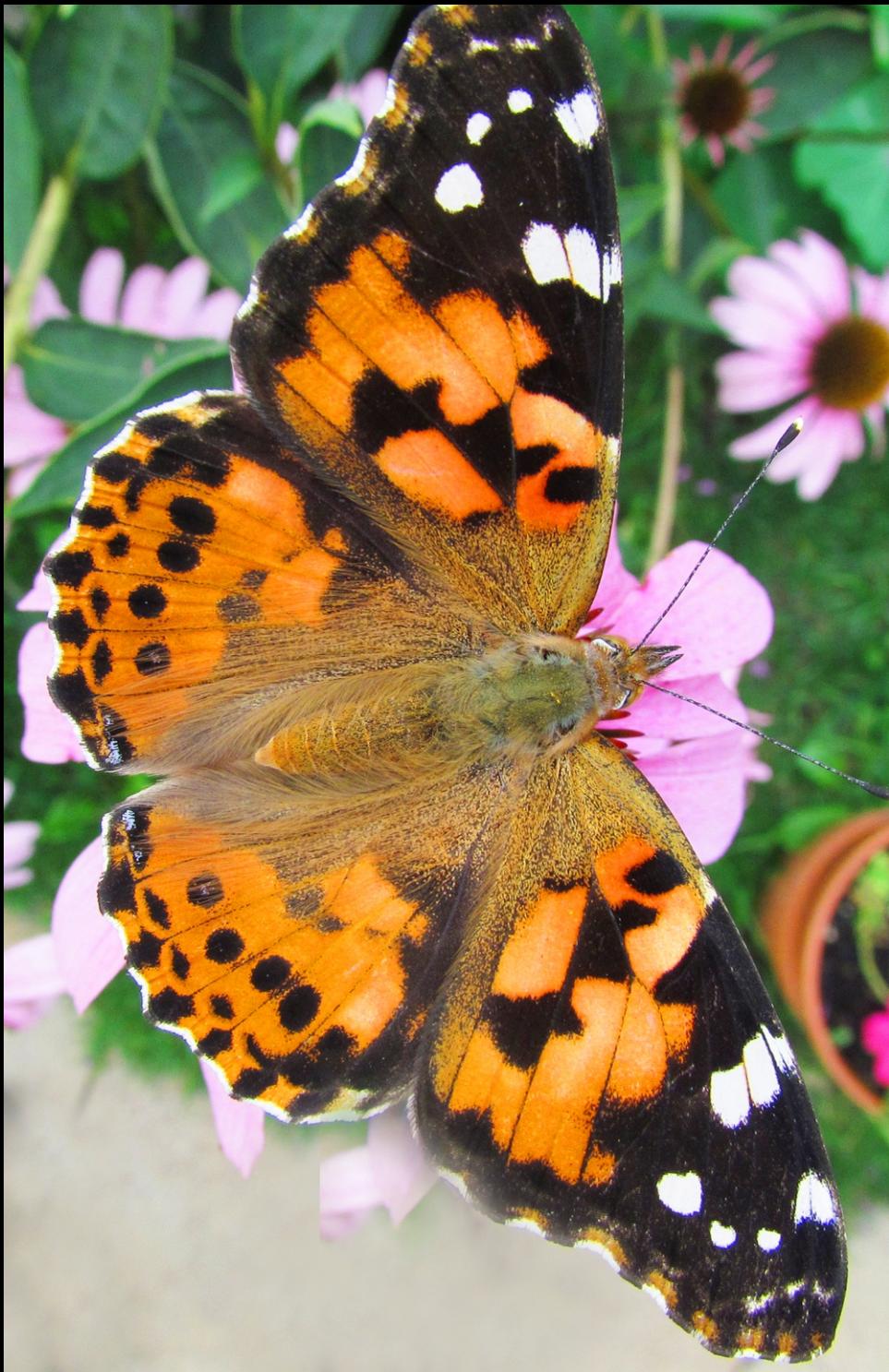




**Painted Lady on Hydrangia**  
(*Vanessa atalanta*)



**Bumble Bee** (*Bombus*) & **Painted Lady** (*Vanessa atalanta*)  
on a **Coneflower** (*Echinacea*)



**Painted Lady Butterfly**  
(*Vanessa kershawi*)



**Cabbage White Butterfly**  
(*Pieris rapae*)





**Moth Garden Grass-veneer**  
*(Chrysoteuchia culmella)*



**Ruby Tiger Moth**  
*(Phragmatobia fuliginosa)*



**Unidentified Moth**



**Blinded Sphinx Moth**  
(*Paonias excaecata*)

My two morning-coffee friends and I recently encountered this unfamiliar creature near the café (late May). We took several telephone-camera shots, but decided on this one taken later with a Canon SX50. Tiring of the unwanted attention, he labouriously crawled up under an overhanging door frame.  
Body length ~1.25" - wing spread ~2.5".

"It ranges throughout most of the United States and southern Canada from Nova Scotia and Maine south to Florida; west to B.C. and Washington, northern California, and Arizona."

<https://www.butterfliesandmoths.org/species/Paonias-excaecata>



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