

# BUTTERFLY LIFE CYCLE



## STAGE ONE:

### EGG

The adult butterfly lays 10-100 eggs on the underside of leaves.



## STAGE TWO:

### CATERPILLAR



The egg hatches into a caterpillar or **larva**. Many caterpillars eat 27,000 times their own body weight before they turn into a chrysalis.



## STAGE THREE:

### CHRYSALIS



The larva changes into a chrysalis or **pupa**. In the chrysalis stage the caterpillar's body is turned to a liquid and the adult's body starts to form.



## STAGE FOUR:

### ADULT



The adult **butterfly** emerges from the chrysalis. Butterfly wings are hollow. Once they come out of the chrysalis they will hang upside down while the wings fill with fluid. Butterflies do not sleep, but they do stay inactive on cloudy days and at night. There are about **20,000 species** of butterflies.