



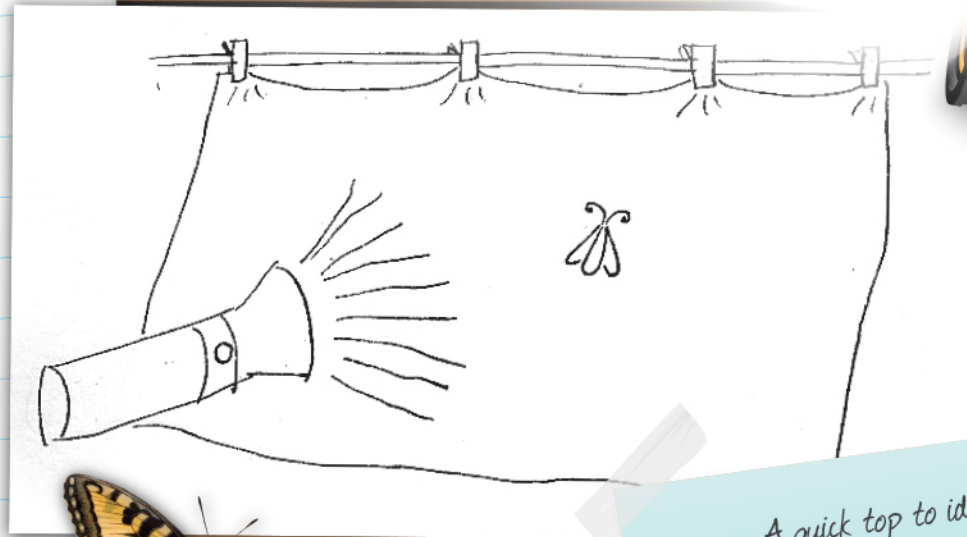
Family Learning Activity

You will need:

- An old bed sheet or large piece of white cloth
- A torch
- Somewhere to hang up the bed sheet outside, a washing line or fence is ideal but you could use a bench in the park. (Make sure a parent or trusted adult goes with you if you do go to the park!)

Go moth watching!

1. Choose a good place to hang your sheet while it is still light, it's good to have it near some undergrowth or vegetation. If there is very little greenery around it may take some time to attract the moths.
2. Once it is dark hang up your sheet for the moths to land on.
3. Shine your torch on to the sheet. The moths will be attracted by the light and will land on it.
4. You should then be able to move slowly and quietly up to the cloth to look at the moths. Camera phones are good for photos to look closely at then if you don't have a magnifying glass.
5. Once you have finished watching the moths, switch your torch off and gently shake the sheet to encourage the moths to fly away.



Tip

A quick top to identify a moth from a butterfly is that a moth will land with its wings open, and a butterfly will land with them closed!

