



ANSWER SHEET



Mealtime!



During their life cycle, most butterflies need both host plants and nectar plants.



Can you tell the two types of plants apart? Find the description for each of these terms in the greenhouse.



Host Plant: A plant on which female butterflies lay their eggs. They choose the plant carefully, since their caterpillars will feed on it once they hatch. Each species has very specific needs.



Nectar plant: The flowers on these plants are often fragrant. Butterflies visit them to feed on nectar. Except in rare cases, butterflies will feed on any flowers, provided they contain the sweet nectar they need.



If you want to attract lovely butterflies to flit about your garden, what type of plant should you choose?



Both host plants and nectar plants. You can attract butterflies to browse the flowers of nectar plants, but if you want to see the entire life cycle you'll also need host plants. It's such an unforgettable experience that you won't mind losing a few leaves!

