



BUTTERFLIES A-FLUTTER

Butterflies have lots of tricks that help them stay safe from predators. You can read about some of these in “Pretty Tricky” on pages 20-25 in the August 2009 issue of *Ranger Rick*. Why not see if you can spot some tricky butterflies in your neighborhood?

In the boxes below, draw and describe two different butterflies. Do they have any “stay-safe” tricks? See the list below for some examples.

To get a closer view of a butterfly, you might want to snap its photo or catch it in a net. (Be sure to let it go as soon as you have gotten a good look.) A field guide may help you identify the butterfly and learn more about it, too.

Date _____ Time _____
Location _____
Weather _____

Helpful Things to Take Along:

- ✓ Butterfly field guide
- ✓ Camera
- ✓ Butterfly net

Butterfly 1

Butterfly 2

Butterfly Tricks

Fake antennas on the tail end
Fake eyes
Bright warning colors

Camouflage colors
Looking like a flower or leaf
Gathering in large groups

