

# Get to Know: Ohio's Common Moths

Moths are among the most diverse groups of insects in Ohio, with well over 3,000 species!

Male Lunas have large, feathery antennae used for finding females.

Luna Moths are seen quite frequently around lights at night.

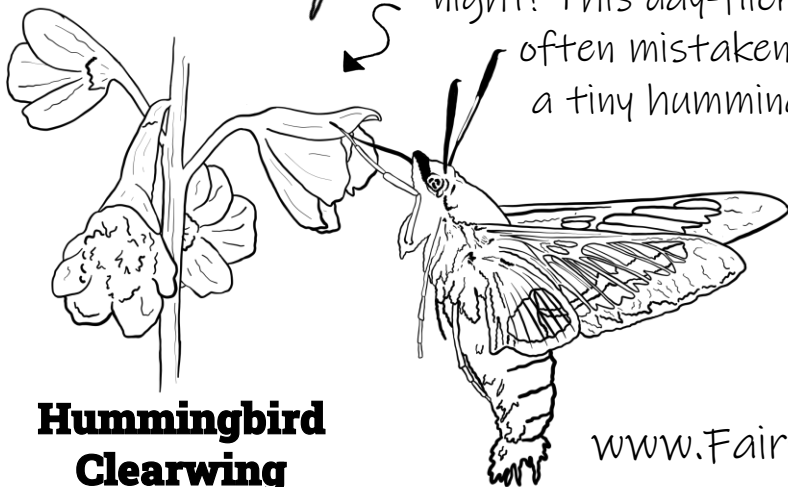
The adult moth does not have a mouth and cannot eat! Instead, it uses the energy stored as a caterpillar.

The adult Luna usually only lives for around a week.

Not all moths come out at night! This day-flier is often mistaken for a tiny hummingbird.

To protect itself from being eaten by a bat, the Luna will spin its long tails in circles. This disorients the bat, giving the moth a chance to fly away!

## Luna Moth



**Hummingbird  
Clearwing**

**For more visit:**  
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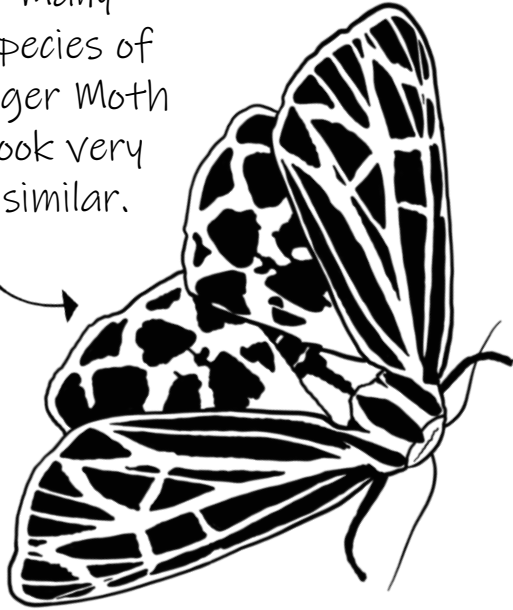


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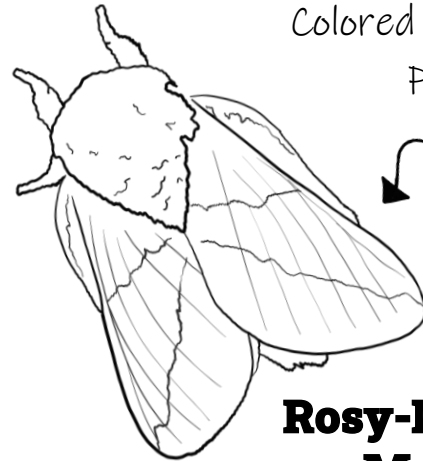


Many of these common moths are vibrant colors!

Many species of Tiger Moth look very similar.



**Virgin Tiger Moth**



Colored yellow and pink!

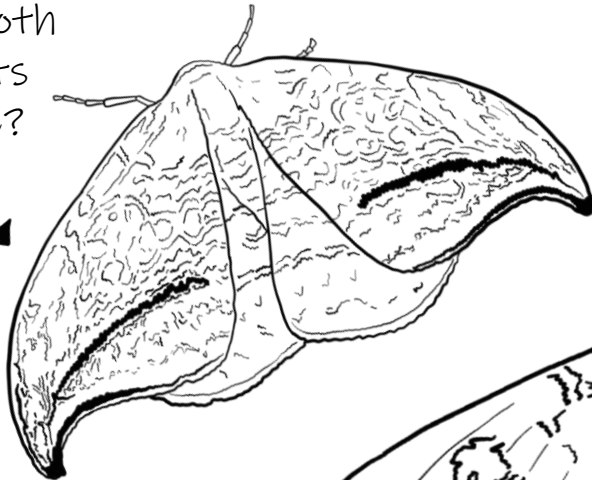
**Rosy-Maple Moth**



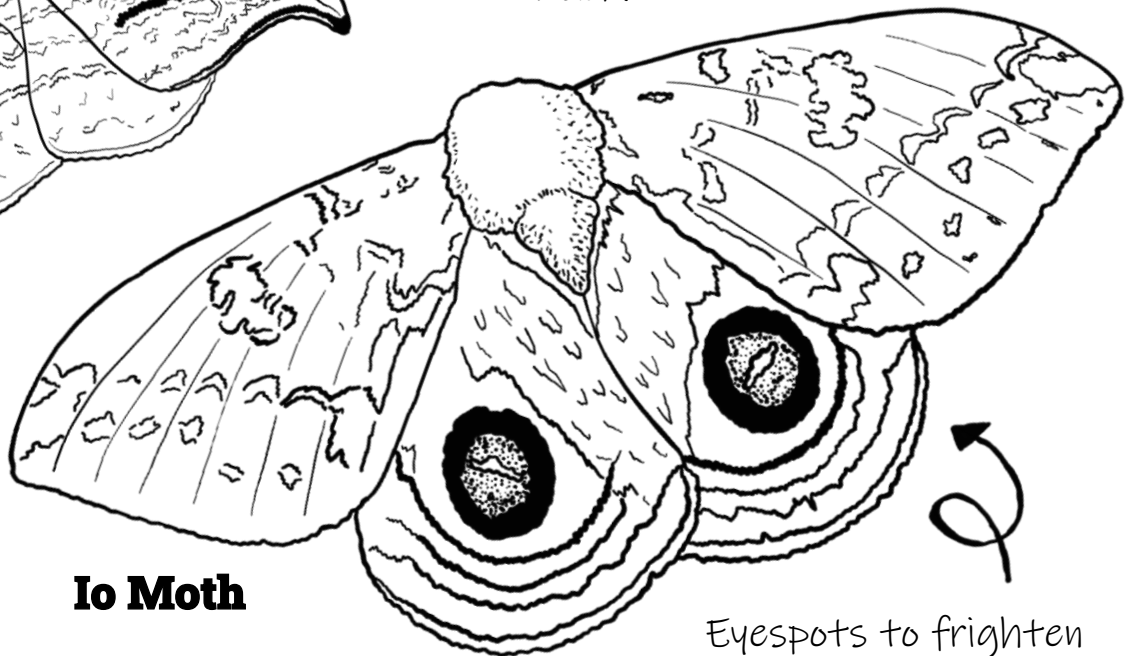
**Ailanthus Webworm Moth**

Orange, white and black!

Can you guess how this moth got its name?



**Arched Hooktip**

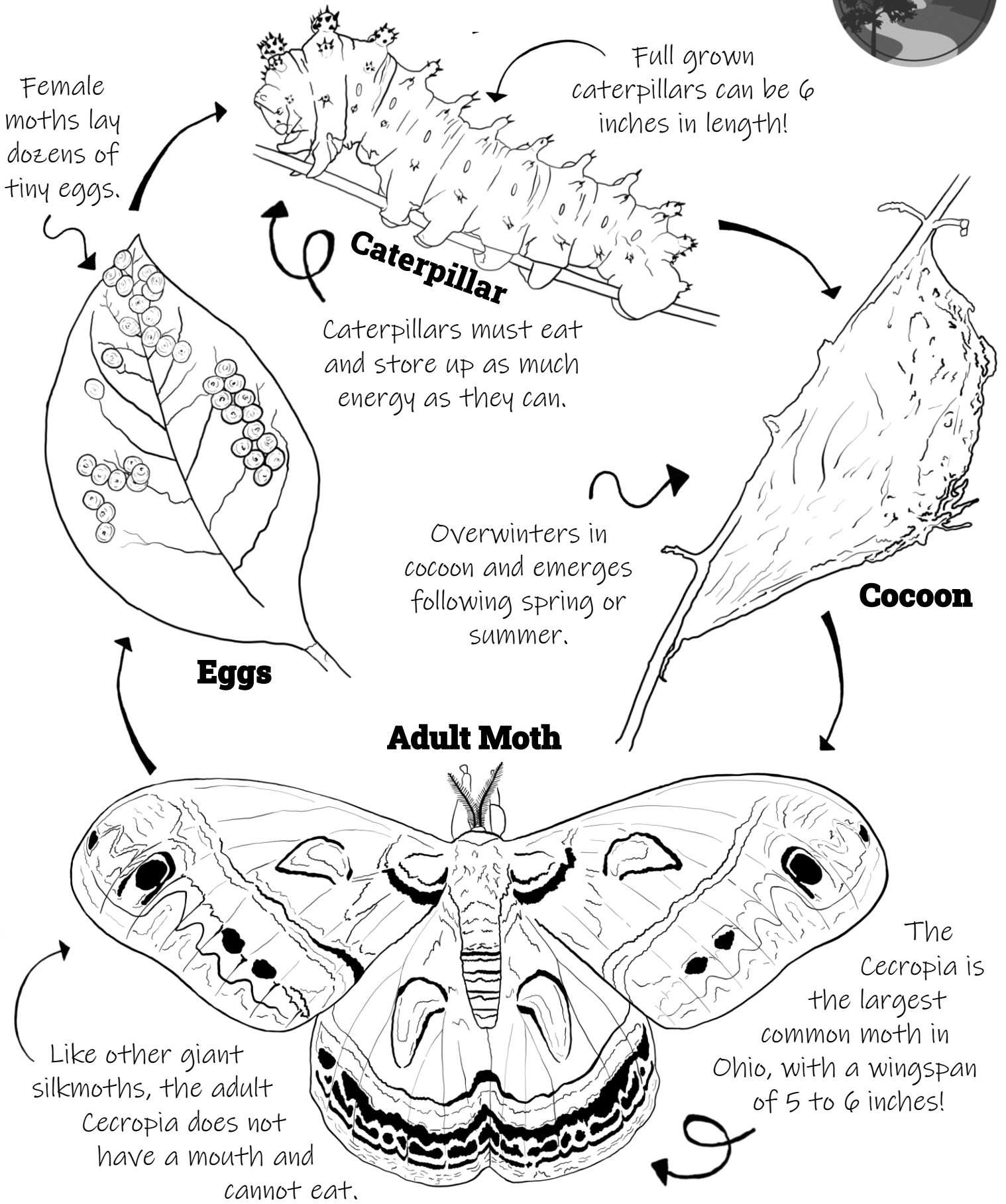


**Io Moth**

Eyespots to frighten off hungry predators!

# A Moth's Lifecycle

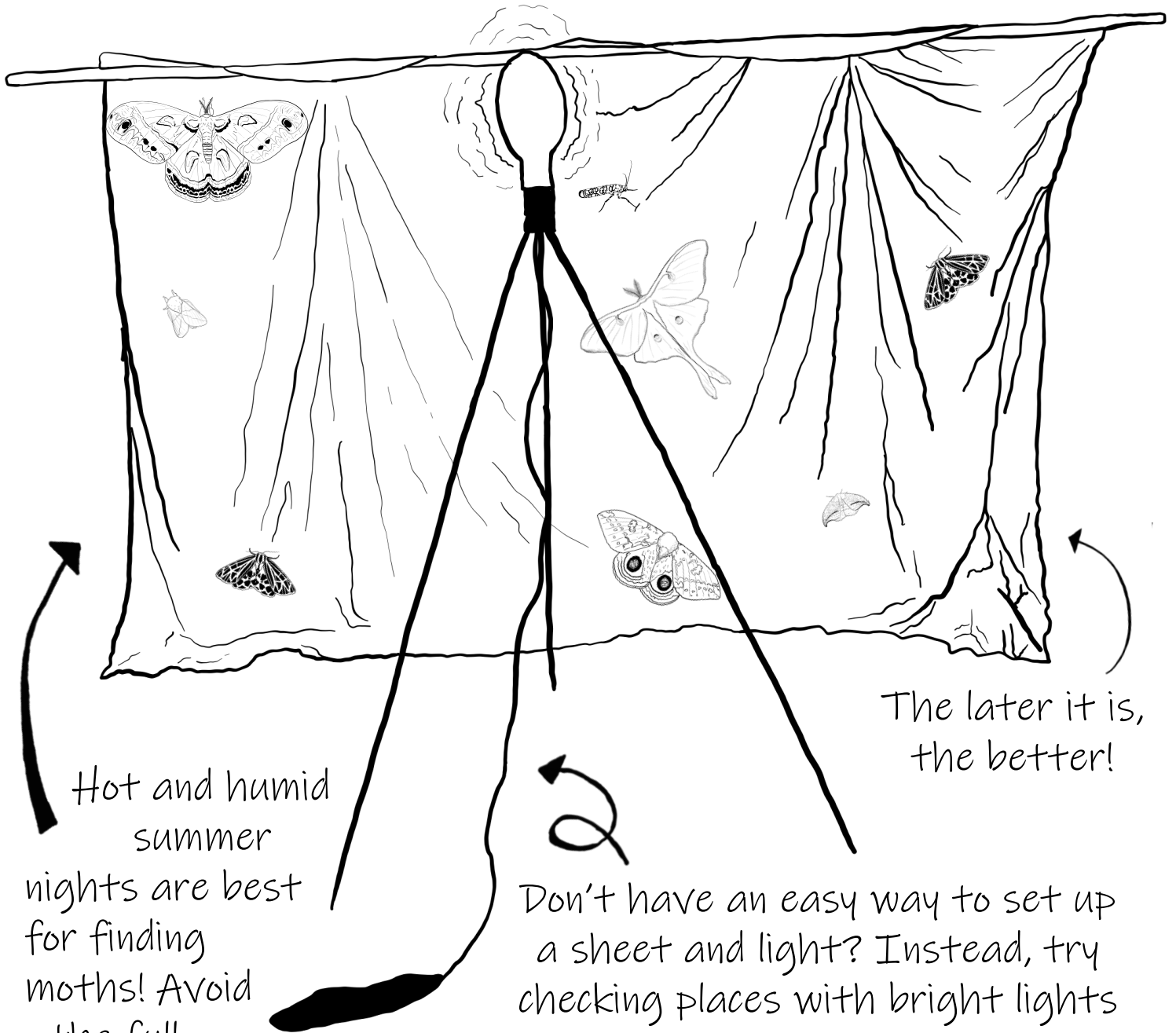
## Cecropia Moth



# Backyard Mothing



Go mothing in your own backyard!  
Once it's dark, simply hang a white sheet  
And plug in a bright light. Then, wait for moths  
Who are attracted to the bright light!



Hot and humid  
summer  
nights are best  
for finding  
moths! Avoid  
the full  
moon if you can.

The later it is,  
the better!

Don't have an easy way to set up  
a sheet and light? Instead, try  
checking places with bright lights  
at night, such as the porch or  
local street light!