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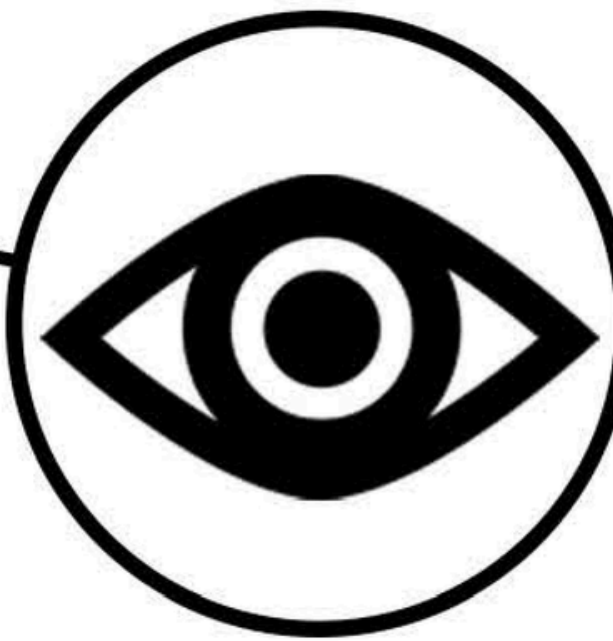
MOTTLED DUSKYWING BUTTERFLY

status: endangered in Canada
scientific name: *Erynnis martialis*



In 2021, hundreds of mottled duskywings that were bred in a lab were reintroduced to the wild by biologists. This was the first butterfly reintroduction ever in Ontario.

Males and females carry “scent scales,” which contain **pheromones** for attracting the opposite sex while mating.



Mottled duskywing **hibernate overwinter** as caterpillars, in a process called **diapause**. They become a butterfly the next spring.



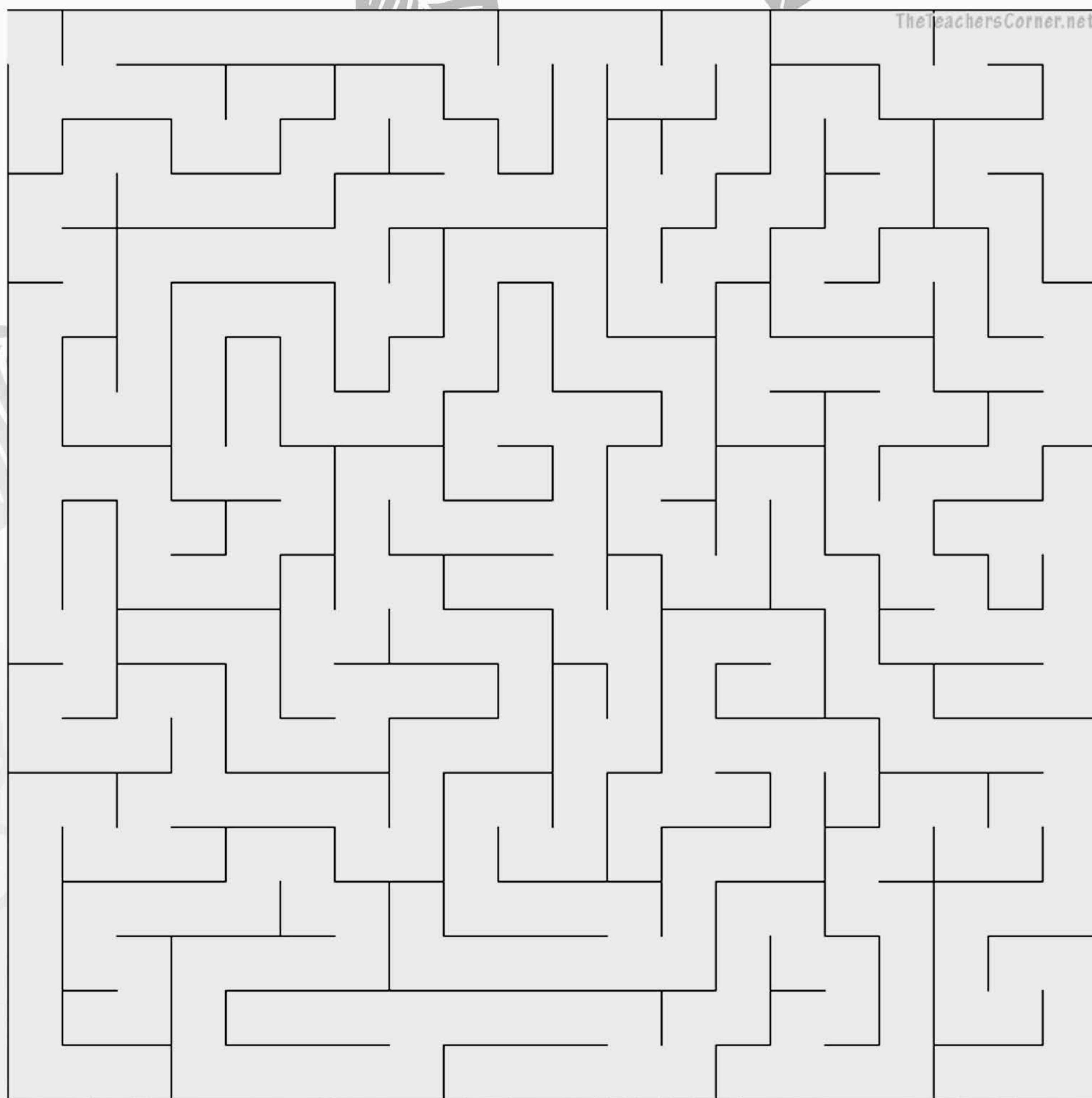
Mottled duskywings like dry open areas like sandy patches in woodlands and rare habitats like **alvar** and oak savanna.



Mottled duskywing caterpillars are **picky eaters** and only like a few types of plants. The term to describe this type of eater is **specialist**, which is different than a generalist who eats everything.



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