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SPECIES AT RISK

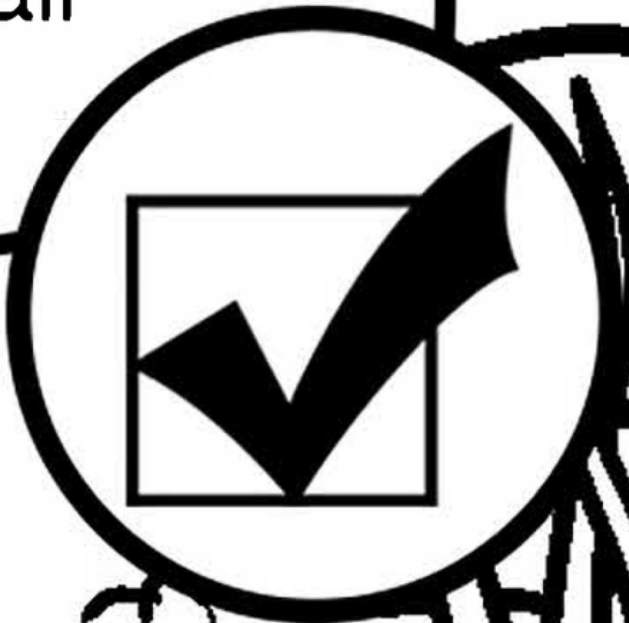
TAYLOR'S CHECKERSPOT BUTTERFLY

status: endangered in Canada

scientific name: *Euphydryas editha taylori*

The Taylor's checkerspot butterfly is **Endangered** in Canada.

It is only found in the wild on a small island in British Columbia.



Adult butterflies feed on nectar using their long thin **proboscis** that acts like a straw. Caterpillars eat leaves but they are picky eaters and will only eat a few different types of plants.

Adult butterflies have different **patterns** on their **dorsal** (back) and **ventral** (belly) sides. The butterfly has a wingspan of 26-43mm – that is only 1-2 toonies wide!

Adult butterflies use **olfactory** signals from plants to find the right ones to lay their eggs on. That means that they know the smells and tastes of the plants they should choose.



Adult butterflies fly around moist open areas very close to the plants they lay egg clusters on. Caterpillars live on a **host plant** that gives them special chemical protection from being eaten by predators.

FILL IN THE BLANK

USE WORDS FROM THE LIST BELOW

TO COMPLETE THE SENTENCES...

DORSAL

OLFACTORY

CATERPILLARS

WINGSPAN

CANADA

COLUMBIA

CLUSTERS

NECTAR

OPEN

PLANT

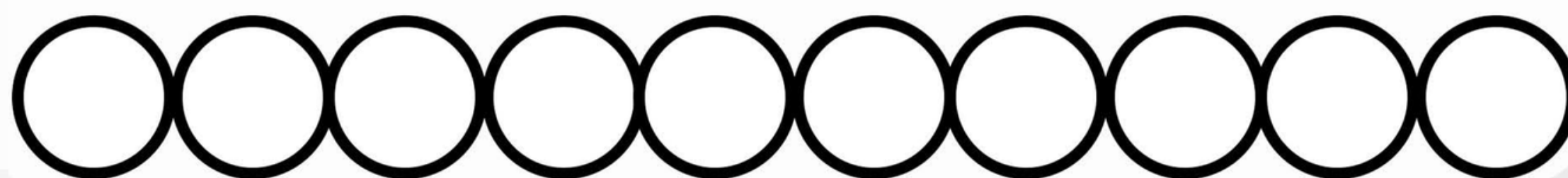
- The [] [] [] [] of the butterfly is two toonies wide.
- The host [] [] [] [] gives caterpillars special chemical protection.
- Adult butterflies use [] [] [] [] [] [] [] [] signals to pick plants to lay eggs on.
- The Taylor's checkerspot butterfly is endangered in [] [] [] [] [] [].
- Adult butterflies drink [] [] [] [] [] with their proboscis.
- The two sides to butterfly wings are [] [] [] [] [] and ventral.
- Adult butterflies lay eggs in [] [] [] [] [] [] [] on plants.
- The Taylor's checkerspot butterfly lives in moist [] [] [] [] areas.
- [] [] [] [] [] [] [] [] [] are picky eaters.
- The Taylor's checkerspot butterfly is only found in British [] [] [] [] [] [] [] [].



BONUS CHALLENGE!

Make a word using the letters that are **circled**.

HINT: The status of the Taylor's checkerspot butterfly.



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