

Feeding habits of butterflies

Date: _____ Time: _____

Location: _____

Weather condition: _____ Suveyor: _____

23.2.1 Record the number of butterflies which is feeding on the following sources of food you observed during the field trip.

	Habitat				
	Woodland Edge	Grassland	Shrubland	Steam	Highland Stream
Nectar					
Tree sap					
Excrement					
Rotten fruit / fruit juice					
Water & minerals					
Others					

23.2.2 Record the number of butterflies which is obtaining water and minerals in the following habitats.

	Habitat			
	Riverside	Wet Agriculture land	Wet mud	Others
Water and minerals				

Tips for Observing Butterflies:

Season: Butterflies are cold-blooded animals which cannot survive in extreme cold and hot weather. Both the abundance and diversity increase in spring and summer time (April to June) and in autumn (October to November). The number of butterflies decreases drastically during very cold and hot days.

Weather: You can often see butterflies enjoying sun bath where there is ample sunlight. Their numbers drop in cloudy days and you may find it difficult to find butterflies during heavy rainfall. However, water puddles formed after rain can attract many butterflies to drink mineral water.

Time: Although most butterflies are active during the day time, some Hesperidae (Skippers) and Satyridae (Browns) are most active at dusk.

Equipment / Gear: Wear outdoor garments and butterfly guide with illustration plates, notebook, pen, camera, binoculars will be your assistants.