

Butterflies



vs.

Moths



Both are in the Class Insecta, Order Lepidoptera ("scale-wing")

- Most are diurnal (active during the day)
 - Prefer brightly colored flowers
 - Ends of antennae are ball or club-shaped
 - Often more brightly colored than moths
 - Usually rests with wings closed (unless basking)
 - Usually more graceful in flight, less rigid flight pattern than moths
- Most are nocturnal or crepuscular
 - Prefer white or pale flowers with strong sweet or musky scents
 - Ends of antennae are not club-shaped, male antennae often feathery
 - Not usually brightly colored
 - Usually rests with wings open
 - Often have a more rigid flight pattern (relates to the way the wings are attached to each other)

Remember... there are exceptions to every rule!