

# Butterflies aflutter at new exhibition

Visitors to the Butterflies Up-Close exhibition at Science Centre Singapore will get to see more than 500 live butterflies. The Straits Times takes a look at some of them.

## COMMON BIRDWING

With a wingspan of more than 10cm, this butterfly is among Asia's largest butterflies. It is considered rare in the wild and is protected under the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (Cites).

## SCARLET MORMON

The male butterflies patrol their habitat to fend off rival males when they are searching for females to mate with. When the females lay their eggs, they do so on citrus plants which act as host plants for caterpillars to feed on.

## SWIFT PEACOCK

Found in the Philippines, Malaysia and Indonesia, this agile butterfly is known for its attractive green sheen. As its name suggests, the winged insect has quick and unpredictable flight patterns.

## THE CLIPPER

Found mostly in forested areas in South and South-east Asia, the Clipper is a fast-flying butterfly. It sometimes glides in the air and its pupa tends to twitch a lot if the wind blows or if it is disturbed.

## RICE PAPER

Also known as the paper kite, the butterfly flies among treetops. Not many predators prey on this butterfly due to its unpleasant taste at the larval stage.

## OTHER HIGHLIGHTS

- Art work of wings

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Put together with wing specimens from some 28 butterfly species including the green birdwing, common birdwing and clipper, the work is meant to show the diversity of forms and shapes among butterflies.

- Butterflies up close

Visitors will be able to see butterfly specimens under a microscope and observe how wing colours change with motion.

## Opening hours

10am-6pm

## Ticket price

\$10, excluding admission to Science Centre Singapore

## Venue

Science Centre Singapore, Hall D

An enclosed area/research pod where people can examine the butterflies up close.