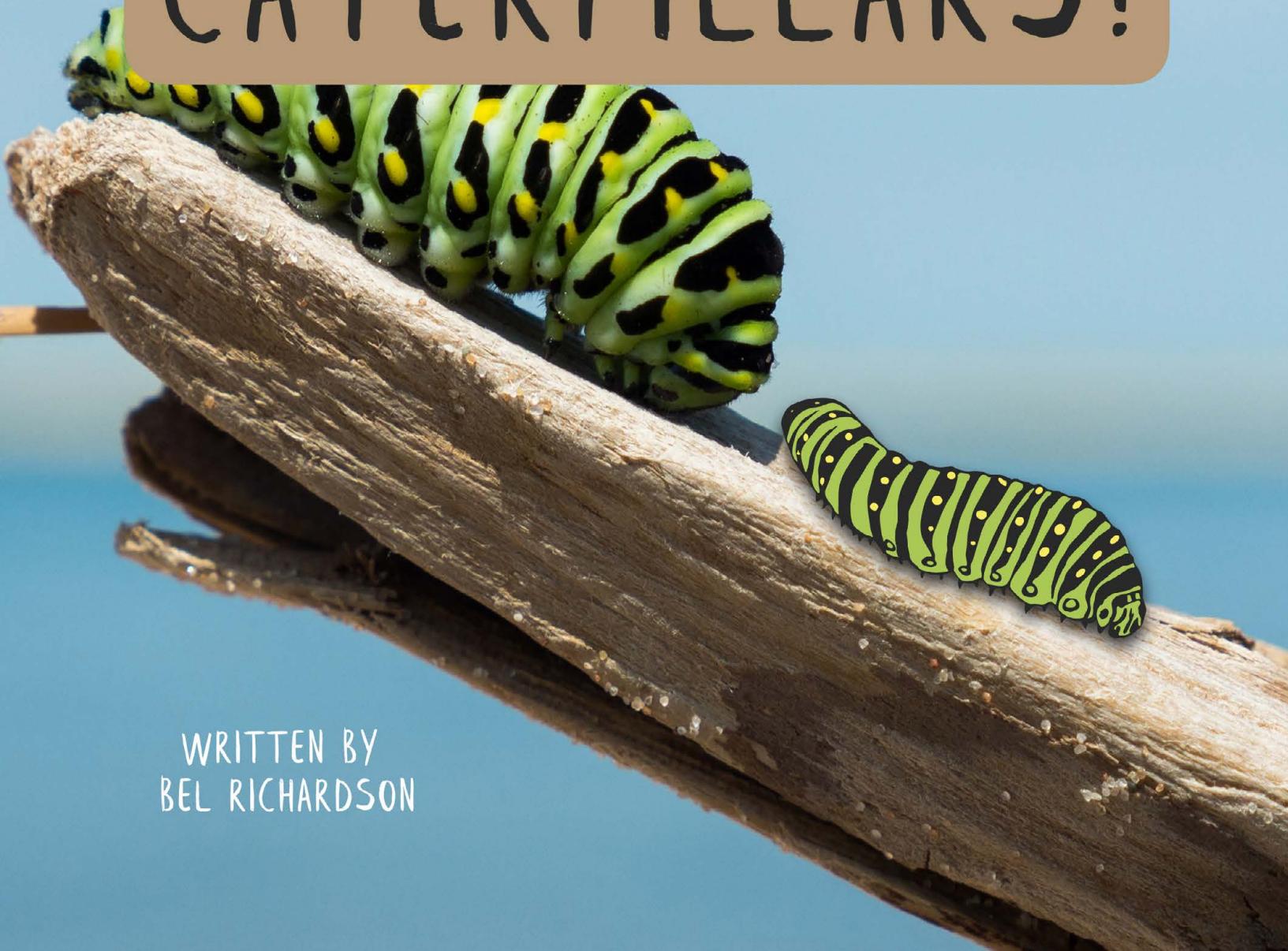
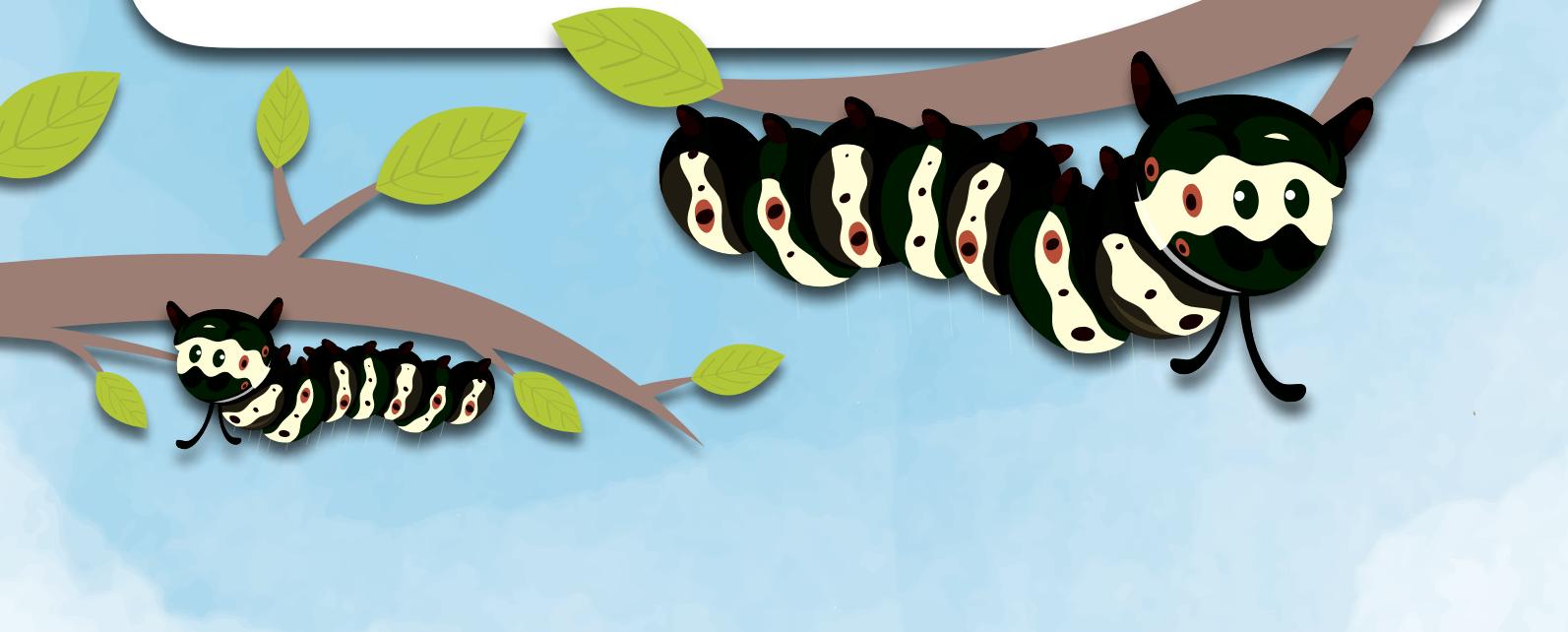


# CATERPILLARS!



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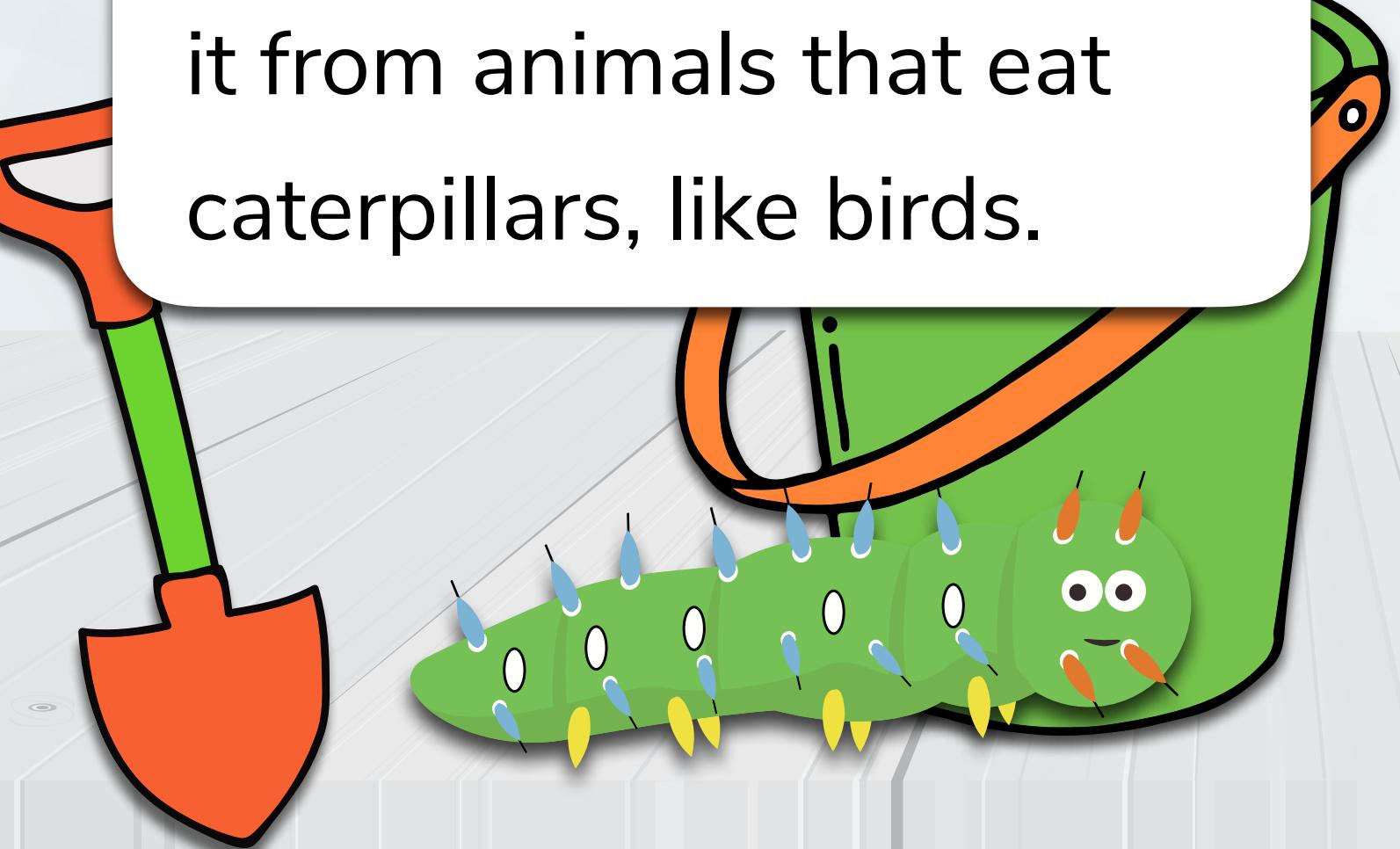
Here are caterpillars hanging off twigs. These caterpillars are looking for good leaves to eat. Look at the patterns on their backs.



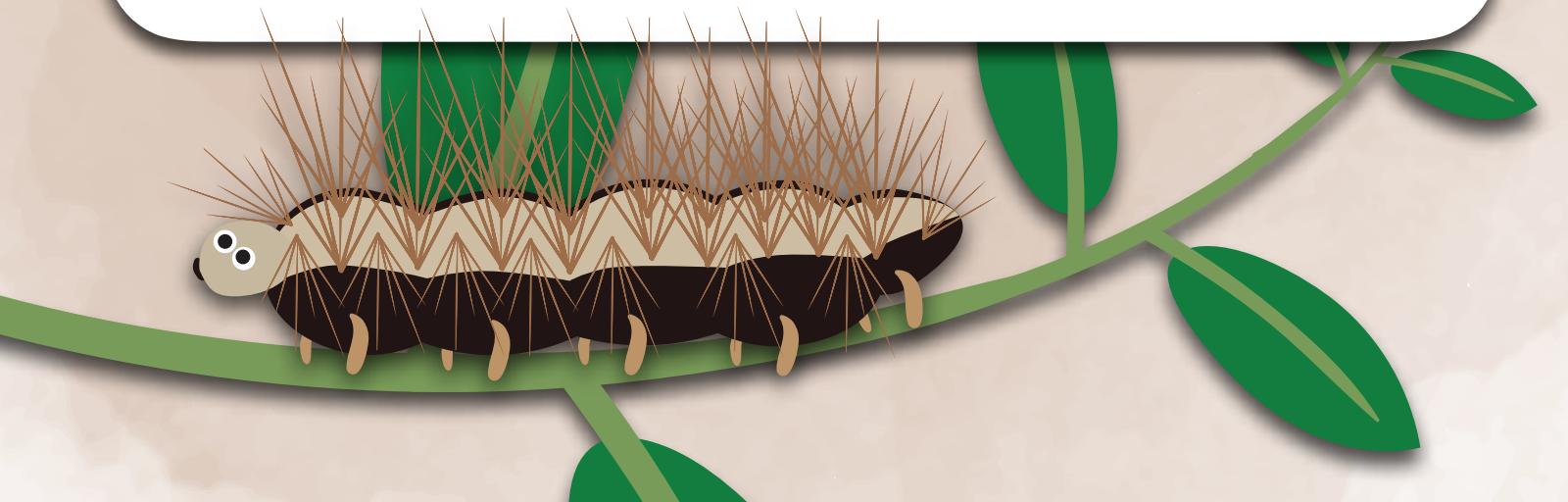
This yellow and black caterpillar has stripes. It has found a yummy meal. It munches and crunches on the green leaf. A caterpillar must eat a lot.



Here is an odd fellow. This caterpillar is all lumpy and bumpy. It is a trick to hide it from animals that eat caterpillars, like birds.



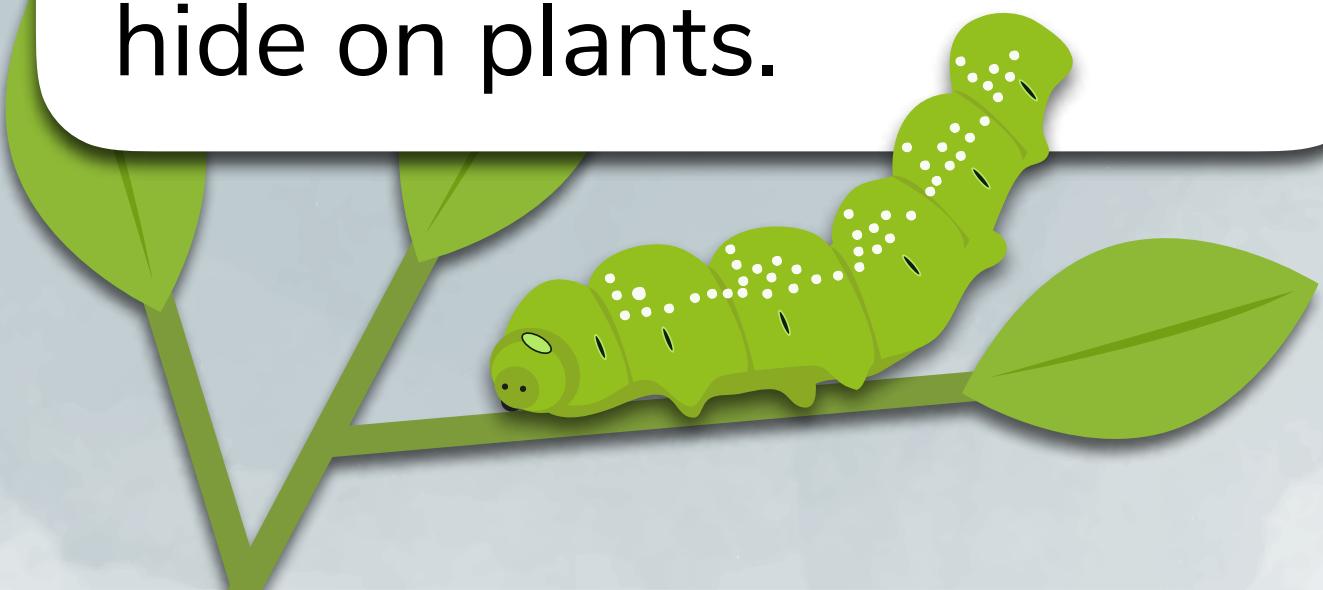
Take a look at the spines and spikes on this caterpillar. If you touch it, it might make you itch. It is best not to touch caterpillars. You can just look at how cool they are.



This brown caterpillar looks like the rock that it is on. It can hide on the moss and the slime.

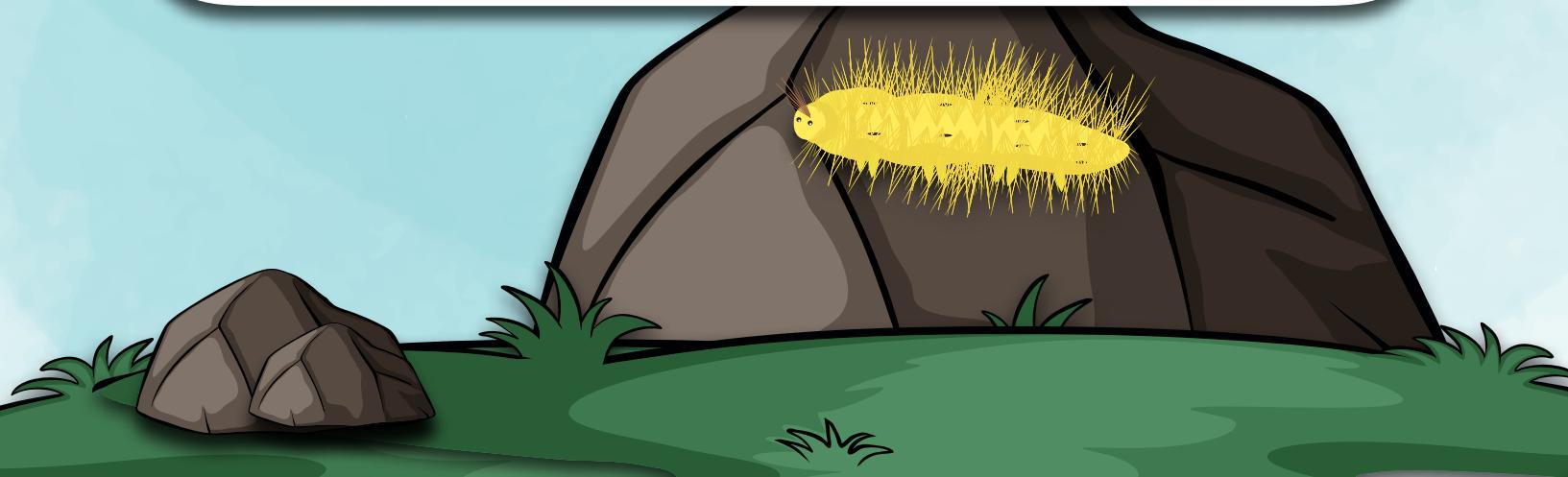


Look at the stripe along this caterpillar. It has dots and spots all over it. These patterns make it difficult to see this caterpillar. It can hide on plants.



There is a very little caterpillar! It is inching along the rocks. It is bright yellow, like a banana.

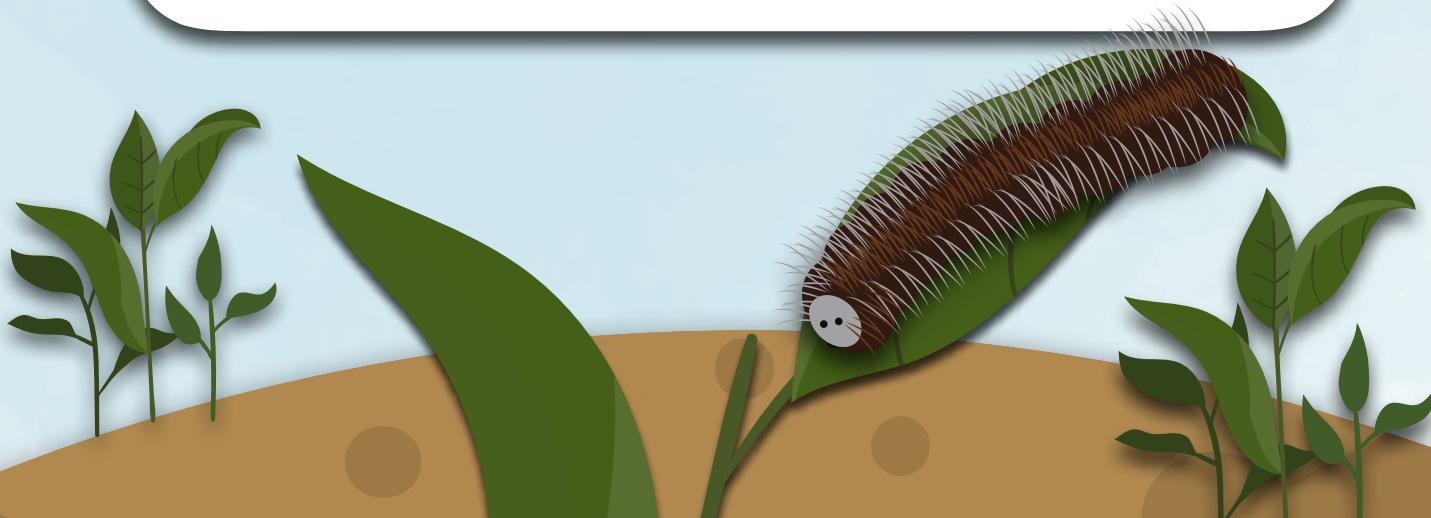
Birds might think that they will get sick if they eat it.



Is it a cactus? No, it is a caterpillar! Caterpillars can look very cool. This caterpillar has spines shooting from its yellow spots.



This fuzzy caterpillar  
would be soft. But  
remember, don't touch!  
It is crawling on its leaf.  
Is it looking for a place  
to turn into a moth?



Here is a caterpillar with curly feelers. It looks like black plants are growing on it. A bird might think twice before eating it because it looks strange.



Caterpillars come in all colors, shapes, and sizes.

You can try to find caterpillars next time you are in a park.



A caterpillar might even  
come to say hi! But  
remember, don't touch!





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