

Animal Fact Sheet

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Peppered Moth

Biston betularia

The peppered moth is a medium-sized moth known for its speckled black-and-white wings, which provide camouflage against lichen-covered trees. It has become a classic example of natural selection, par...

Quick facts

Classification: Invertebrate

Family: Geometridae

Habitat: Deciduous and mixed woodlands

Diet: Herbivore

Conservation status: Least Concern

Lifespan: 11-12 months (including larval and pupal stages)

Weight: 0.1-0.2 grams

Scientific name: *Biston betularia*

Did you know?

- During the Industrial Revolution, the frequency of the dark-colored (melanic) form of the peppered moth dramatically increased in polluted areas due ...
- The peppered moth played a key role in demonstrating natural selection in action during the Industrial Revolution. Its two color morphs—light and dar...

What I learned
