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Book Review

***'CATERPILLARS, MOTHS AND THEIR PLANTS of southern Australia'*, by McQuillan, Forrest, Keane and Grund. 1st Edition 2019. Butterfly Conservation SA Inc. Adelaide South Australia, 196pp, RRP \$35.00.**

Back in the 1990s we asked "Where have all the butterflies gone?" Without caterpillars there are no butterflies and many birds and animals will starve. This is our Web of Life. Butterflies and moths are also very important for pollination of plants, as this is not just a province of native bees and European honeybees.

Due to popular demand the Butterfly Conservation SA has published the 1st edition of ***'CATERPILLARS, MOTHS AND THEIR PLANTS of southern Australia'***. This book showcases 280 species of southern Australia's moths, with over 650 photographs of eggs, caterpillars, pupae and adult moths. Native and introduced plants associated with each moth species are listed, noting their importance as food for caterpillars and highlighting the need to conserve remaining habitat and their biota.

Sophie Thomson, the well-respected presenter of ABC's Gardening Australia, has enjoyed her association with Butterfly Conservation SA. Ms Thomson said, "This is the perfect companion book to *Attracting Butterflies to your Garden* and together these two books are a valuable resource to help you identify the caterpillars, moths and butterflies in your garden, as well as the food plants you should plant to attract more. It will also help you understand their life cycle and, as is mostly the case, their important role within a biodiverse environment."

Butterfly Conservation SA has brought expert scientists, enthusiasts, gardeners and ecologists together to bring information about moths to the home gardener. Butterfly and moth gardening is easily achievable in Adelaide gardens, no matter their size.

This is a delightful book for the gardener who will be surprised at how many garden plants can support the local moth community and how they help sustain urban biodiversity and maintain a food supply for other native animals.

The 1st edition of ***'CATERPILLARS, MOTHS AND THEIR PLANTS of southern Australia'*** is available from Butterfly Conservation SA through its website www.butterflyconservationsa.net.au or at all good bookstores.

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Attached cover of **CATERPILLARS, MOTHS AND THEIR PLANTS of southern Australia** and photo of the day flying satin-green forester moth (*Pollanisia viridipulverulenta*).
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