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Presentations, Field Activities, Workshops & Displays

I offer the following:

Presentations:

- ***Gardening with butterflies - and other Beneficial Be(e)ings*** – includes the role having butterfly host plants can play in increasing the biodiversity of predators and parasites for “pests” on vegetables and other garden plants
- ***Bring back beautiful butterflies to our backyards*** – about starting your garden for wildlife with butterfly host plants, which also works in urban environments
- ***Every Butterfly was once a Caterpillar: the "high" and "low" life of Lepidopteran larvae*** – about butterfly biodiversity, their lifecycles and the food plants for caterpillars
- ***Caring for Caterpillars*** – about the role caterpillars play in the environment and connecting directly with nature at different levels
- ***How to Raise Butterflies with Children*** - a talk for adults and enthusiastic, advanced children
- ***Gourmet Butterflies*** – about food plants we can share, that enhance sustainability and biodiversity, playfully addressing food security and biodiversity issues.

All 1 hour - 2 hour duration

Workshop:

- ***All Things Caterpillars... and eggs, chrysalises and butterflies*** – a hands on workshop on finding eggs and host plants, raising caterpillars, rescuing chrysalises, and observing lifecycles (6 hours intensive)
- ***Planting for Wildlife: butterflies, bees and other mini-beasts*** - a hands on workshop on the role of planting to promote biodiversity of the wildlife we love and that which we need to learn to love (6 hours intensive).

Field activities:

- ***Insects @ Night*** – using lights and attracting insects to explore the amazing life-forms we share our planet with, and the role they play in maintaining healthy ecosystems (2 hours)
- ***Guided walks in bushland and/or rehabilitated areas*** – nature and ecology interpretation - exploring habitat and behaviours of insects and other life-forms. (1 to 2 hours). This works well in combinations with a presentation (3 hours with a short break)



Displays:

- ***Butterfly Lives:*** a display of over 50 A3 signs for butterfly lifecycles and their host plants (see photo), which can include other display information and posters
- ***Live insect display,*** if caterpillars and other insects are to be found at the time of year
- ***Butterfly and other insect host plant*** display
- Various butterfly and other invertebrate books (also for sale)

A sample display of ***Butterfly Lives:***

