



## Hikin' Tykes: Woolly Bear Caterpillar Resources

Most books found at Cook Memorial Public Library in Libertyville, IL.

### Fiction

- ***The Secret Life of the Woolly Bear Caterpillar*** by Laurence Pringle
- ***What's That Sound, Woolly Bear?*** by Philemon Sturges  
Meet Woolly Bear's noisy insect neighbors in this fun read-aloud.

### Nonfiction

- ***Caterpillars*** by Claire Llewellyn & Barrie Watts  
Learn all about caterpillars in this information-packed picture book.
- ***Caterpillar to Butterfly*** by Laura Marsh, Nat Geo Kids Level One
- ***Caterpillar to Butterfly*** by Lisa M. Herrington, Rookie Read-About Science
- ***Creepy, Crawly Caterpillars*** by Margery Facklam  
Each page introduces you to a different caterpillar. Not only do you learn about the caterpillar, but also each caterpillar's unique life cycle.
- ***From Egg to Butterfly*** by Shannon Zemlicka, Start to Finish, Nature's Cycles
- ***From Egg to Butterfly*** by Deborah Heiligman, Stage 1 Let's Read & Find Out Science
- ***It's a Caterpillar!*** by Elisa Peters, Everyday Wonders
- ***Moths*** by Fran Howard  
A simple picture book with great real-life pictures of moths.
- ***Butterflies and Moths: A Golden Junior Guide*** by George Fichter  
A fantastic tool for butterfly and moth enthusiasts! This is a simplified guide that introduces the reader to several common groups of butterflies and moths.

### Websites

- **Isabella Tiger Moth**  
Information on our friend, the woolly bear, and the moth that it turns into.  
<https://www.butterfliesandmoths.org/species/Pyrrharctia-isabella>
- **Woolly Bears as Winter Weather Predictors?** <https://www.weather.gov/arx/woollybear>
- <https://www.ag.ndsu.edu/yardandgardenreport/documents/2014-09-15/fearless-winter-weather-prediction>

### Outdoor Exploration and Activity Suggestions

- During a hike, look for woolly bear caterpillars and follow one to find out where it goes.
- Bring a tape measure to see if the woolly bear caterpillar really does travel four feet per minute.
- Look for other travelling caterpillars. Count how many different ones you find.
- Pretend you are a woolly bear caterpillar looking for a safe and cozy shelter to hibernate. Crawl around and curl up in a pile of raked leaves.
- Woolly Bear Tag: several people are woolly bears crawling along and one person is a human who wants to pick up a caterpillar. The woolly bears crawl away from the human to avoid being tagged. When a woolly bear gets tagged, it curls up in a ball. The game ends when there is only one woolly bear still crawling. That one can then choose to be the human in the next round.

