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FIELD NOTES

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Sleepy Orange

Sulphur Butterfly

DISTRIBUTION

There are several hundred species of sulphur butterflies in the world. Most of them are yellow, like the mineral sulphur (seen below). Some, however, are white or orange.

WHERE TO SEARCH

Sulphurs love sunny gardens, meadows, and roadsides. You can also find them collecting water and minerals from mud puddles. These butterflies rarely rest with their wings open.

Sulphur mineral



Sulphur butterfly



HAVE YOU EVER HAD TO STUDY AN INSECT TO LEARN ITS NAME?

I had that opportunity with Sulphur butterflies. I saw one in my garden last week but didn't know its name. I took pictures of the closed wings while they drank nectar. Patiently, I had to wait to capture a picture of the open wings.. When I opened a butterfly guide book, I was surprised that both pictures of closed and opened wings were needed to name my garden visitor.



CLOUDED
SULPHUR



ORANGE
SULPHUR



SLEEPY
ORANGE



All of these butterflies are yellow with tiny dark spots. By paying close attention to the details, I was able to see the different colors and the different dotted patterns. My visitor that day was a Sleepy Orange.

We sometimes need to pay very close attention to learn something. God uses our listening and focus to teach us important lessons. Isaiah 28:23 says, "Listen and hear my voice; pay attention and hear what I say." When someone says "listen," "hear," and "pay attention," it means what they are about to say is very important! When your parent or caregiver calls your name, do you stop what you are doing to listen? It can be hard to change your focus when you're busy or having fun. Paying attention takes practice. Next time you hear your name, try to stop, listen carefully, and respond. They may have something important to teach you.