

ELINOR WONDERS WHY

EW134 INTERSTITIAL: MZ. MOLE - THE ATLAS MOTH

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FOLLOWS: Ep. 168 A MOTH MYSTERY

CURRICULUM: Elinor, Olive and Mz. Mole take a close look at a few interesting moths of the world, including the world's largest moth - the atlas moth - a moth so big it is often mistaken for a bird!

LS8. Begin to understand that there are many different kinds of living things and how they may be the same or different

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1. EXT. GARDEN -- SUMMER DAY

Elinor, Ari, Olive and Mz. Mole are walking through the flower garden. Mz. Mole has a flower in her hair. A hummingbird clearwing moth flies past Elinor, Aril, Olive and Mz. Mole and over to a bunch of flowers growing nearby. There is an audible <SFX: Hum> as it passes by.

1	ARI	1
	Whoah, what is that?	

Angle On - the moth hovers <SFX: Hum> over the flowers just like a hummingbird as it dips its proboscis to drink nectar.

2	ELINOR	2
	Is that a... hummingbird?	

3	MZ. MOLE	3	
	It looks a lot like a hummingbird,		*
	but it's not a bird at all. It's		*
	actually an insect - a moth!		*

4	ARI	4
	Wow! How can you tell? It's moving so fast.	

5	MZ. MOLE	5
	I have a picture of it in this book, all about moths!	

Mz. Mole takes out her storybook and opens the front cover. CLOSE ON the storybook which shows the hummingbird clearwing moth.

2. THE STORYBOOK

The storybook comes to life in a popup book style of animation. Close-up on the hummingbird clearwing moth. *

	MZ. MOLE (V.O.)	*
	If we look closely, we can see that	*
	it looks more like a moth.	*

6	OLIVE (V.O.)	6	*
	Look at its fuzzy antennae.		*

The clearwing moth flies away and the page turns to reveal three moths side by side - a luna moth (green), a rosy maple moth (pink and yellow), and an Io moth (yellow with two large eye spots). NOTE FOR DESIGN use as many examples as appropriate. The moths are still. *

7 MZ. MOLE (V.O.) 7
Moths come in lots of dazzling
colors and sizes.

The page turns to reveal a moth that looks just like a
brown/dead leaf on a pile of dead brown leaves.

8 MZ. MOLE (V.O.) 8
See this moth?

9 ARI (V.O.) 9
Which moth, Mz. Mole? I just see
some leaves.

Suddenly, one of the "leaves" begins to flap its wings, then
flies away.

10 ELINOR (V.O.) 10
What?! That moth looked just like a *
leaf! *

11 MZ. MOLE (V.O.) 11
And how about this one?

The page turns to reveal an atlas moth. Mz. Mole's hand comes *
into frame and the atlas moth climbs onto it. The moth is so
large that its wingspan is wider than the hand. *

16 MZ. MOLE (V.O.) 16
This is an atlas moth, the largest
moth in the world. *

17 ELINOR (V.O.) 17
Whoah, that's huge.

The moth flaps its wings and flies away. We watch it fly
through the sky.

18 MZ. MOLE (V.O.) 18
The atlas moth is so big. People
sometimes think it's a bird.

19 ELINOR 19
Wow, moths can be as big as birds
and as pretty as leaves. *

3. EXT. FLOWER GARDEN -- SUMMER DAY

We watch the book close. Back in the flower garden, Elinor,
Ari, Olive and Mz. Mole look around for the hummingbird
clearwing moth.

20 MZ. MOLE 20
Now where did that hummingbird moth
go?

21 OLIVE 21
There it is!

We see the moth is drinking from the flower in Mz. Mole's
hair. The children all <SFX: Laugh>

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