

SOUTH EAST SUMMER



Alfie Hudson, *Bogong Moths*, Lino print 2020

BOGONG MOTH ACTIVITY

Each spring, Mountain Pygmy-possums wake up from hibernation, hungry for nutritious Bogong Moths to eat. Bogong Moths usually fly to the possums' mountain home in the billions, but this hasn't happened in the past three years, which now means there often isn't enough food for these tiny possums to raise their babies.

Throughout 2020, people across the south east of Victoria have been helping to spot the moths and assisting Zoos Victoria to learn more so we can help them in the future.

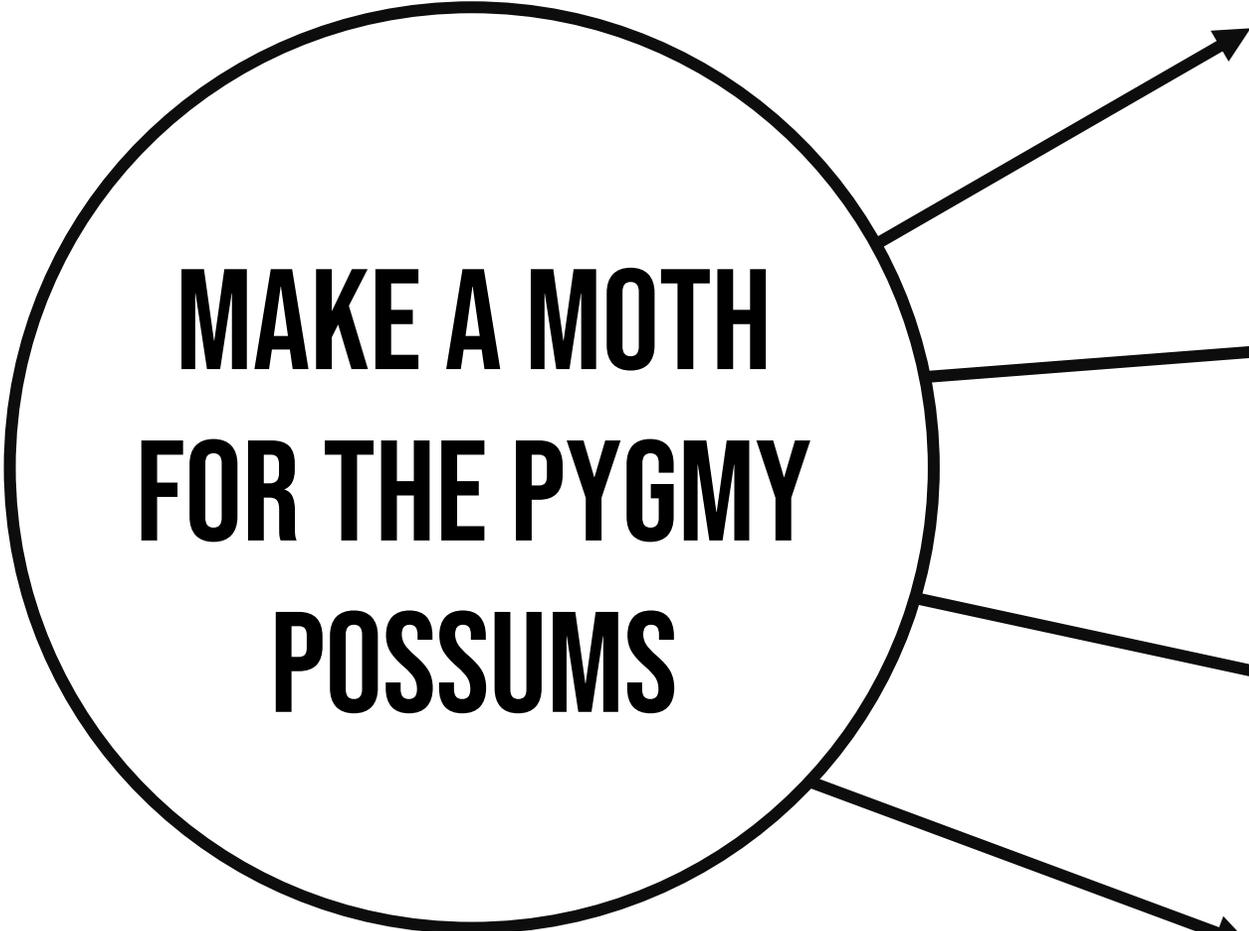
The good news is that more and more Bogong Moths have been sighted around south east Victoria.

Here's a fun activity to do at home to celebrate the South East Summer exhibition and the return of the precious Bogong Moth.

You will need

- A4 B+W printer
- Scissors
- Glue
- Pencils or textas





MAKE A MOTH FOR THE PYGMY POSSUMS

Get your creative hats on and **make a bogong moth** to display in our Sideshow Gallery during the South East Summer exhibition.

Be inspired by Alfie's Bogong Moths and **use any materials you like!**

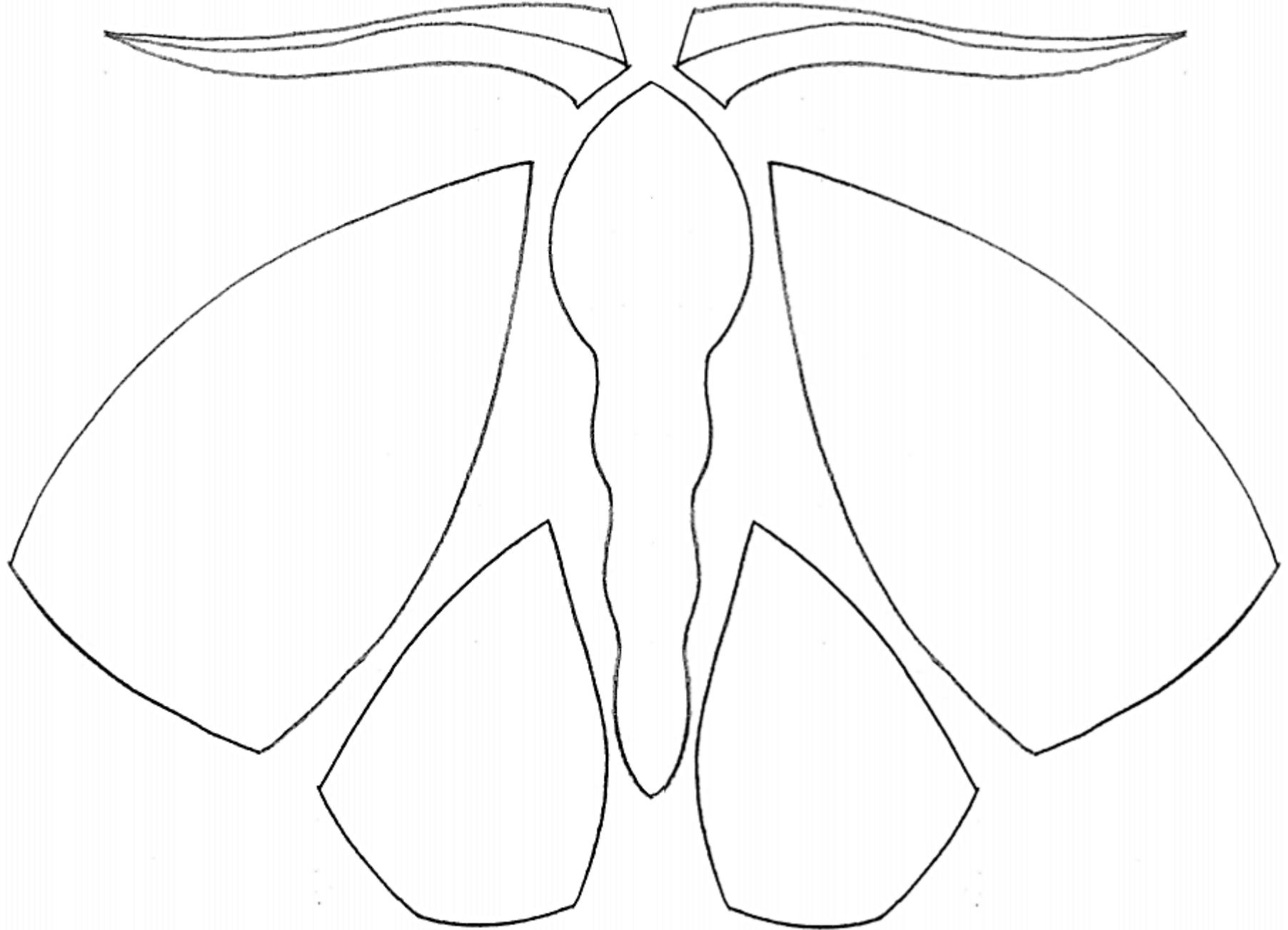
Drop your moths to the gallery for us **to display**

If you need some guidance use the following activity and instructions.
NOW GET MAKING!

STEP 1

Print this template page and start to add your designs.

Check out the next page for some examples.



EXAMPLES

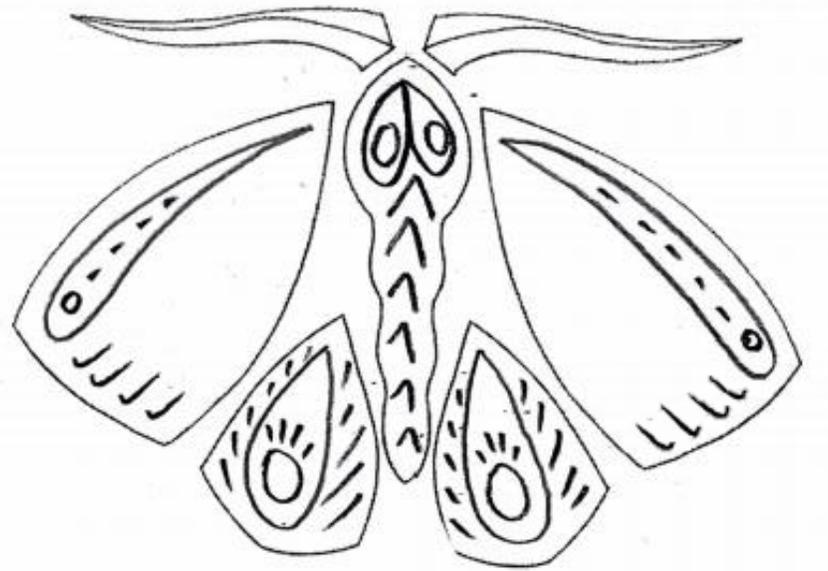
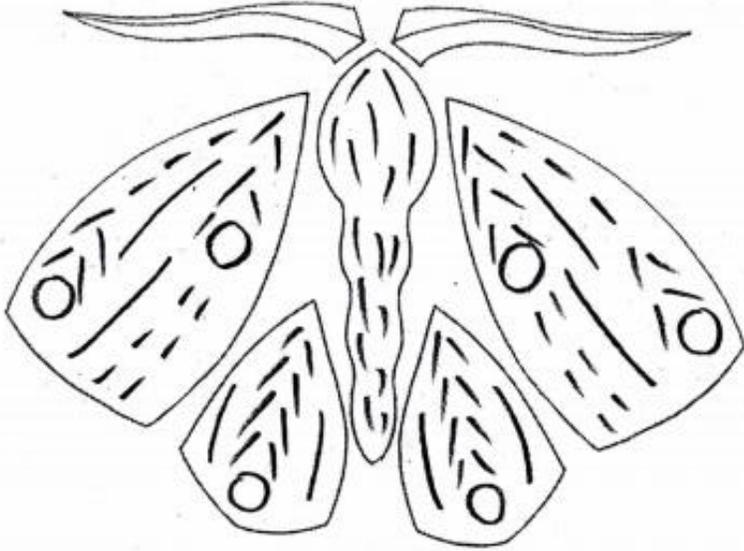
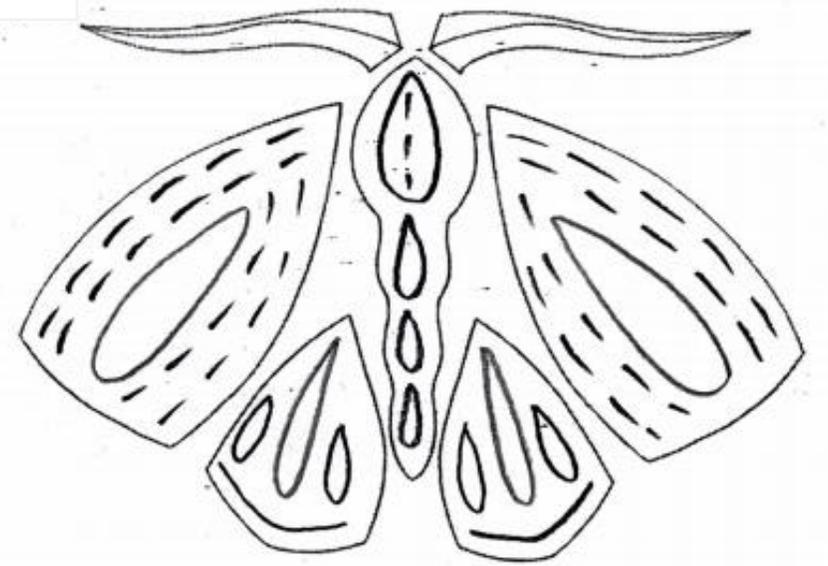
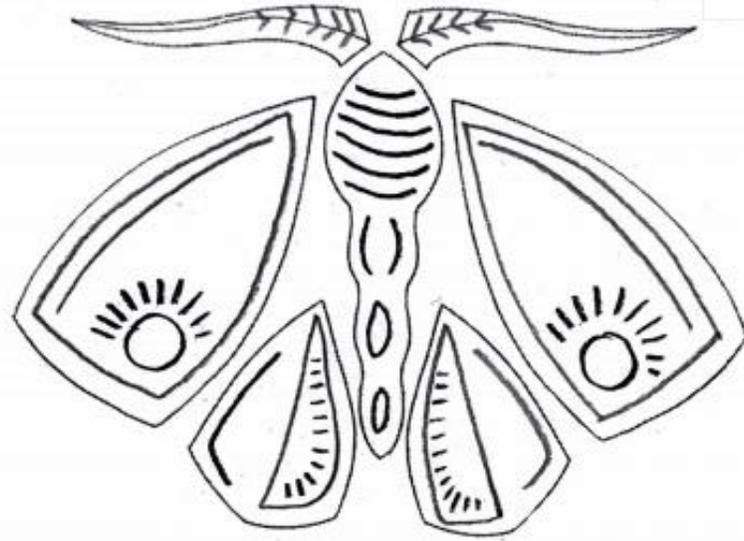
Using Alfie's beautiful lino print as inspiration, brainstorm some pattern ideas.

You can use any material you have on hand. Graphite pencil, pen, textas or coloured pencils.

Remember that a moth's wings will have a symmetrical pattern.

This means that the left side will mirror the right.

But – you are the boss! Be as creative as you feel like.

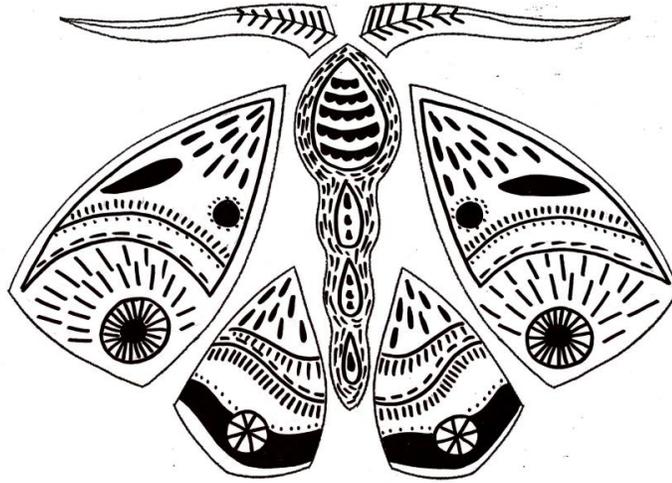


STEP 2

Cut out your shapes and arrange them as shown in the example.

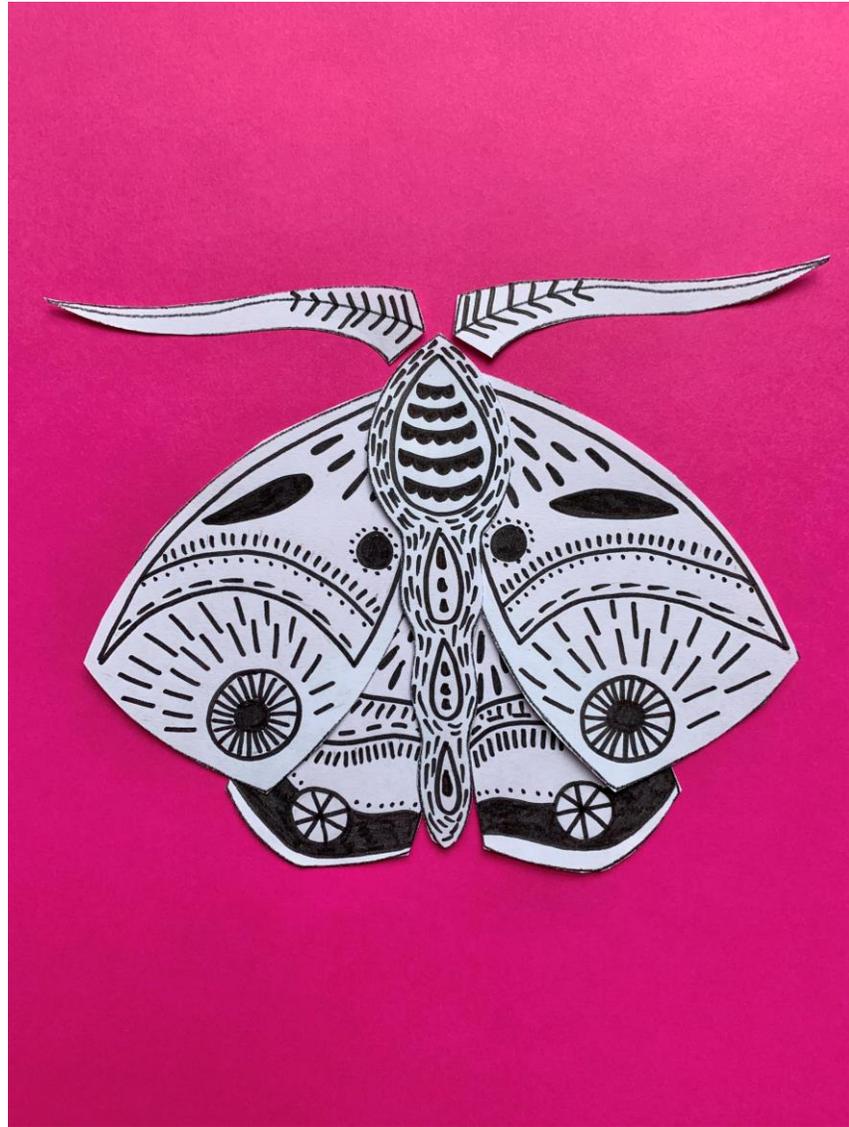
Overlap some of the shapes, leaving the body on top.

Glue or tape the pieces together, or paste them on a separate piece of paper or card.



STEP 3

Why not have fun with colour!?



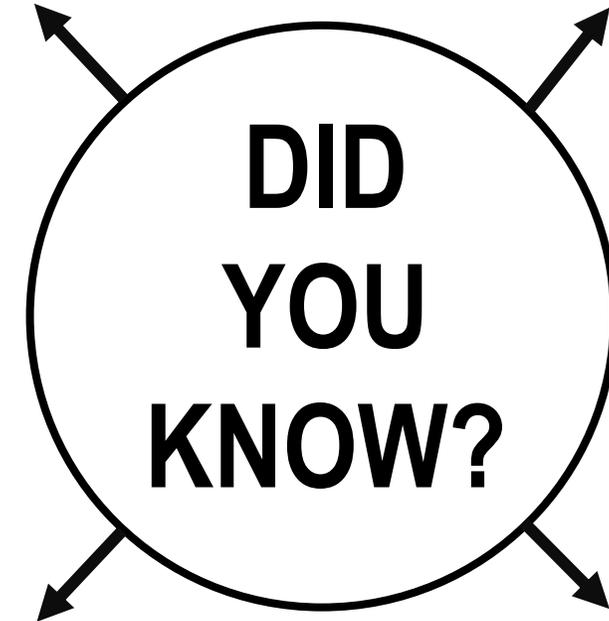
Thanks for creating your own Bogong Moth! We hope you have had fun.

Share your creation with us!
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@eastgippslandartgallery

Drop your moths to the gallery before the end of the school term for us to display during the South East Summer exhibition 11th December 2020 – January 15th 2021

The Bogong Moth was also a major food source for Aboriginal people in southeastern Australia and particularly those whose home territories were within or adjacent to the alpine regions of the Southern Tablelands.

Scientists suggest droughts in the moths' breeding regions are the cause of their near disappearance. This problem can be made worse by humans along the flight paths, where artificial lights interrupt the moths' nocturnal journeys.



Zoos Victoria need your help to spot more Bogong Moths!
Visit the Moth Tracker website
<https://www.swiff.net.au/mothtracker/>

The antennae of the male moth has a feathery appearance which helps it to smell female moths!

