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<b>Name</b>	Blue Morpho
<b>Scientific Name</b>	<i>Morpho peleides</i>
<b>Threats</b> (why they're at risk)	Cutting down trees and collection for their colourful wings
<b>Distribution</b> (where they live)	Latin America from Mexico to Columbia
<b>Habitat</b> (what they live in)	Tropical rainforest
<b>Diet/Feeding strategy</b> (what they eat and how they eat it)	When they are caterpillars they eat leaves. As butterflies they drink the juices of rotting fruit and dead animals
<b>Social behaviour</b> (how they live)	Adults tend to feed together
<b>Males and females</b>	Males are brighter than females
<b>Lifespan</b> (how long they live for)	115 days in the wild from egg to death
<b>Number of young</b> (how many babies)	They lay between 50-100 tiny green eggs
<b>Interesting fact</b>	The bottom of the wings is brown. They 'disappear' every time they close their wings, making them harder for predators to catch