

# AUGUST ECO-BLITZ CHALLENGE

## WHITE-LINED SPHINX MOTH



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MOTH CATERPILLAR**

This month we are learning all about the White-lined Sphinx Moth. Here are a few key facts:

- The White-lined Sphinx Moth is one of the Sonoran Desert's largest flying insects; its wingspan can reach up to five inches!
- The caterpillars emerge during the height of monsoon season, with irruptions of millions of larvae. After a period of feeding, they go underground and emerge as adult moths.
- The adult moths are often mistaken for a hummingbird as they can hover, have a loud wingbeat, and also feed on nectar—leading to their nickname, the hummingbird moth! They pollinate a variety of desert flowers.

**Sources:**

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