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**MothEd ID Guide to Major Moth Families**

| **Group** | **Geometers** | **Hawk Moths** | **Giant Silk Moths** | **Tiger Moths** | **Owlet Moths** |
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| **Scientific Name** | *Geometridae* | *Sphingidae* | *Saturniidae* | *Erebidae* | *Noctuidae* |
| **Usual Colors** | Neutral Tones | Sections of Yellow, Green, Brown or Red | Sections of Brown and Black | Sections of Orange, Pink, or Yellow | Brown Front Wing |
| **Other Distinguishing Features** | Often smallSometimes wavy patterns of wingsWings usually don’t extend far forward, creating semicircular silhouette | Usually largerSpindle (or carrot) shaped bodyFront wings tend to be narrow | Usually with transparent eye spots on wingsFuzzy antennaeHairy bodiesSometimes brightly colored striped abdomen | Front and hind wings usually different colors or patternsGeometric shapes in front wingsFuzzy, usually brightly colored abdomenSometimes white | Usually front wing is brown and hind wing is different color or pattern |
| **Silhouette** |  |  |  |  |  |
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