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Riroriro

(Grey warbler)

Gerygone igata



Sparklers

Characteristics

Only 6.5 grams, they are one of the smallest manu in Aotearoa.

The males sing loudly while the females have a small chirp.

You'll hear their long distinctive call as from high up in canopy foliage.

If you do see them fly, their super fast wing-beat can make it look like they are almost hovering! But they usually fly only short distances.

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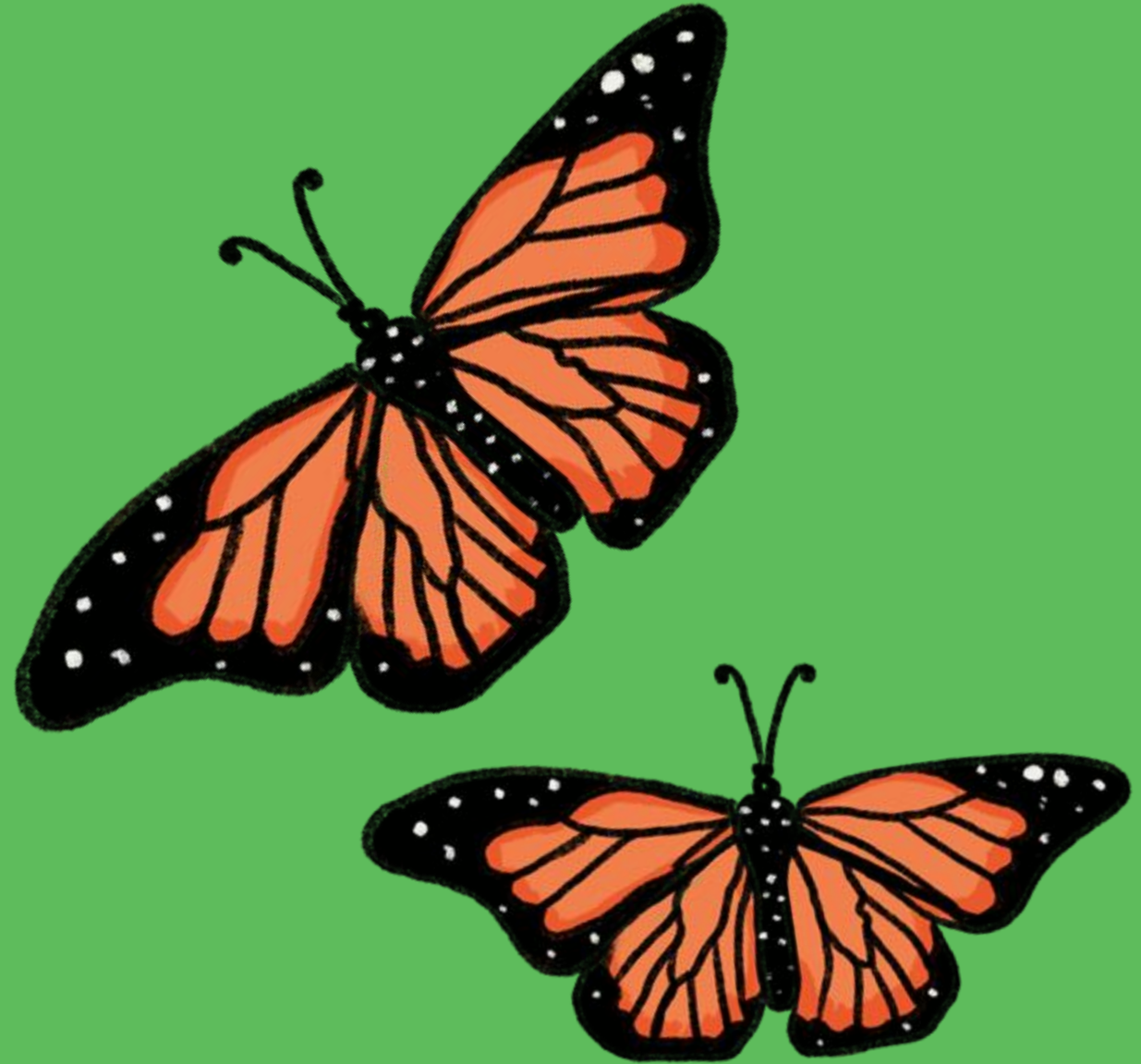
They sing the most
during springtime, so they're
one of the signs that
springtime has begun!

They are often heard,
but rarely seen!

**Are you a bit reserved
like a riroriro? While at
the same time love
being loud or love to
sing?**

Fun fact!

Riroriro are insectivorous! This means they only eat insects! One way they do this is by beating their wings very fast and hovering high in the canopy to catch them.



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**What can we learn
from riroriro?**

**How might we apply
this in our classroom?**

