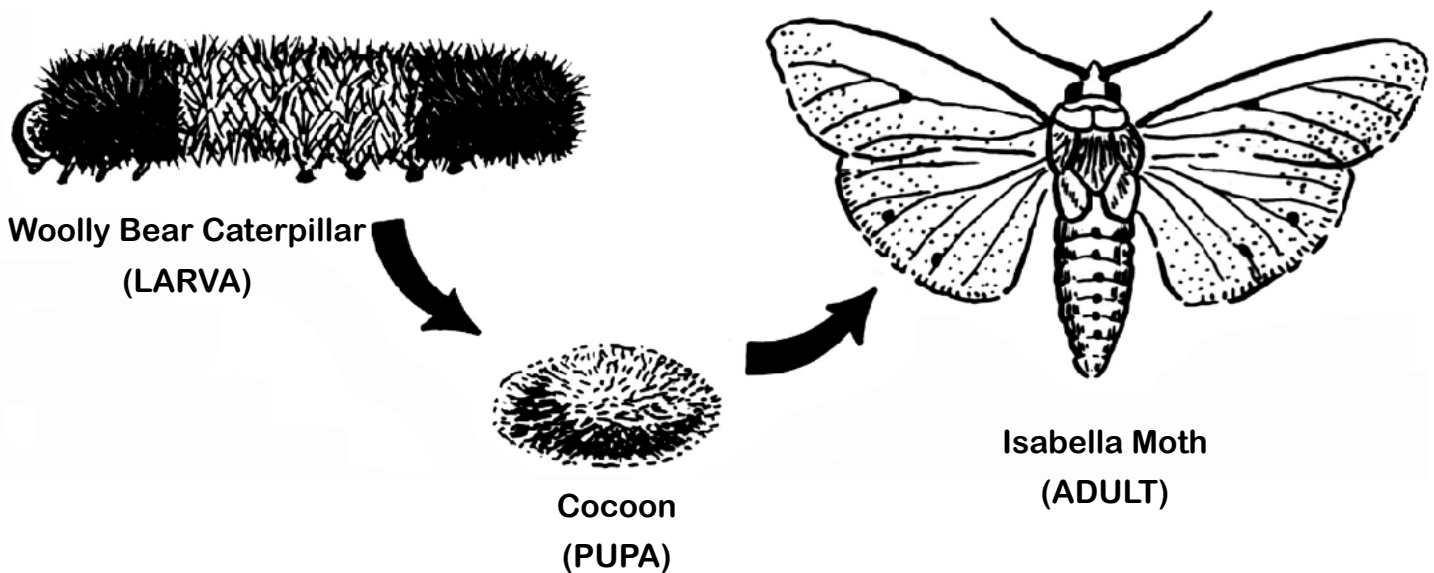


# Tale of Tails

Woolly Bears are often seen crawling across roads in late summer. Where are they going in such a hurry?

These hairy, black and orange caterpillars are looking for a sheltered place to spend the winter - under a rock, board, or other protected place. Woolly Bears hibernate as caterpillars before building cocoons in the spring.



According to tradition, Woolly Bears are able to forecast the severity of the coming winter - short black ends mean a mild winter, wide black ends tell of a hard winter ahead. But don't plan your winter around Woolly Bear patterns. There's no truth to this tale of tails.