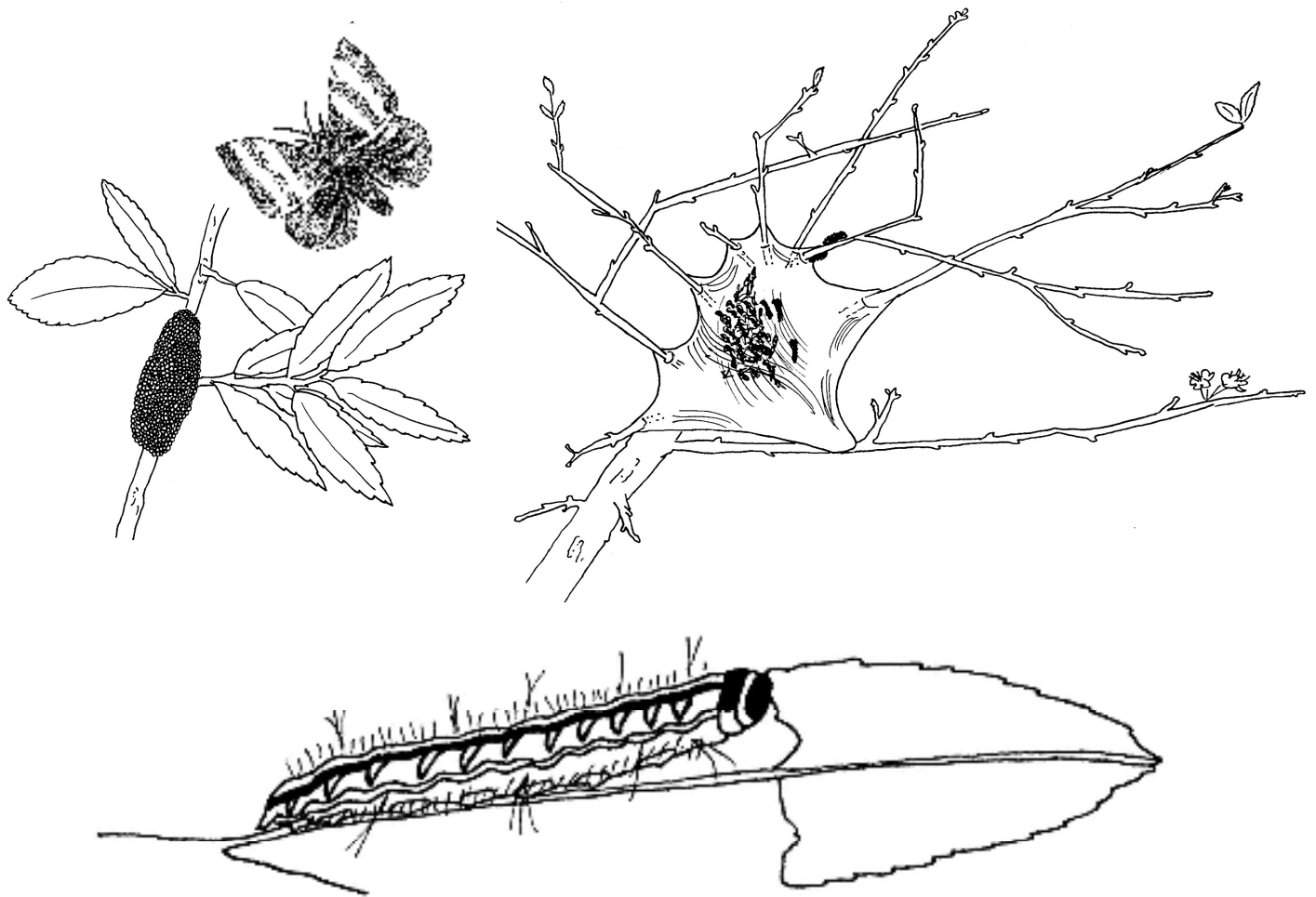


Tent Caterpillar



Coloring Instructions – Color the adult moth in the upper left picture very light brown. Color her egg mass on the branch black. Color the tent web in the upper right picture gray. Color the stripe at the top of the caterpillar white. The wavy line along its side should be orange. The small marks above and below the orange line should be blue. The rest of the caterpillar is black.

Interesting Fact: Tent caterpillar moths lay their eggs on cherry and plum trees in late summer. These eggs harden into an egg mass and do not hatch until the following spring. When the tiny caterpillars are born, they start to spin a web tent in their tree. They hide inside this tent during the heat of the day, and come out to eat the tree's leaves when it is cooler. As the caterpillars grow, they can eat every single leaf on the tree. When they are old enough, they pupate and turn into a moth.