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Here's a photo taken at Lee State Park last week. Now here's the question.....are these two caterpillars the same kind, or different? Who knows what they are?



**Dawn Watson Weaver** Banded Sphinx maybe? They have different color phases and turn into a fabulous moth!

at 16:25:08 on 10/07/2013 UTC



**Madelyn H Robinson** Kimberly Adams Campbell, would your little paleontologist/entymologist/naturalist find this interesting?

at 17:07:16 on 10/07/2013 UTC



**Kim Garand** Only if they were snakes

at 17:14:28 on 10/07/2013 UTC



**Tricia Crawford** It must e caterpillar season lol. We save hundreds at Little Pee Dee State Park. Saw one that like like a branch... Can't figure out how to post it on here tho

at 17:42:23 on 10/07/2013 UTC



**Rie Michele Reid** Creepy pretty :0

at 17:53:40 on 10/07/2013 UTC



**South Carolina State Parks** Dawn Watson Weaver, you are correct! They are indeed Banded sphinx moth caterpillars! How did you know? Our park interpreter at Lee tells us caterpillars go through growth stages called instars and each instar can look quite different from other instars. The red one is 4th instar and the multicolored bigger one is a 5th instar.

at 19:25:05 on 10/07/2013 UTC



**Dawn Watson Weaver** Had a fabulous biology professor and spent a lot of years doing programs for cubs and boy scouts! And would always rather be outdoors than inside! ;)

at 20:01:00 on 10/07/2013 UTC



**Michelle Bowen** Love caterpillars

at 21:19:18 on 10/07/2013 UTC



**Kay Poteat** Amazing!

at 3:56:15 on 10/08/2013 UTC



**Angel Lowell** <http://www.discoverlife.org/mp/20q?guide=Caterpillars> here is a link to what the red one turns into. It is a moth.

at 16:17:55 on 10/08/2013 UTC



**Judy Simpson Norris** they're different. One's red and the other is blue & green !!!!!

at 16:10:37 on 10/15/2013 UTC