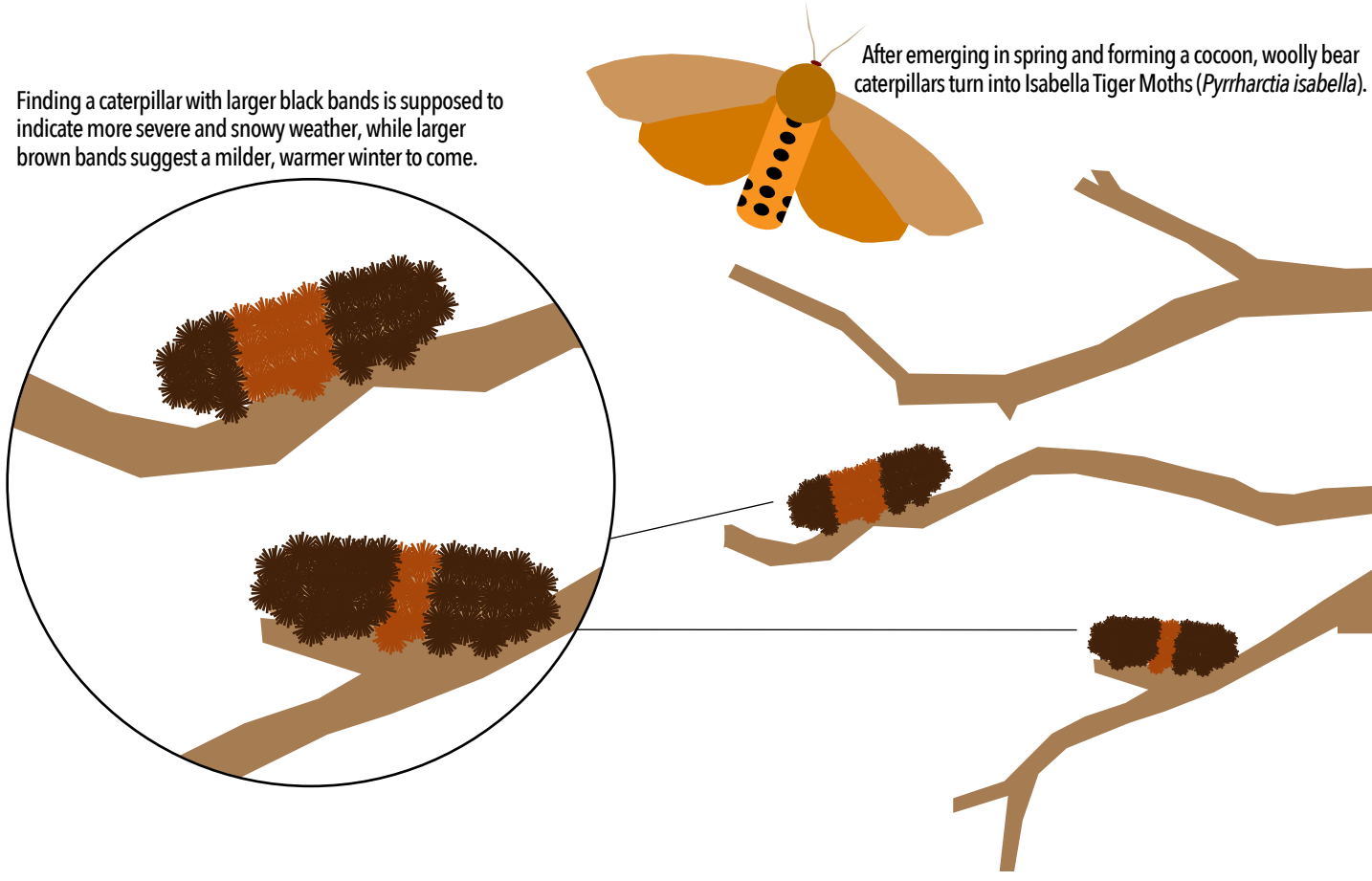
Can woolly bear caterpillars predict winter weather?

For some, seeing a woolly bear caterpillar is as reliable as a weather report and an indicator of cooler temperatures. Folklore says the caterpillar's coloring is an indicator of the upcoming winter's severity, but science suggests these variations are based on a caterpillar's age, genetics and environmental factors.

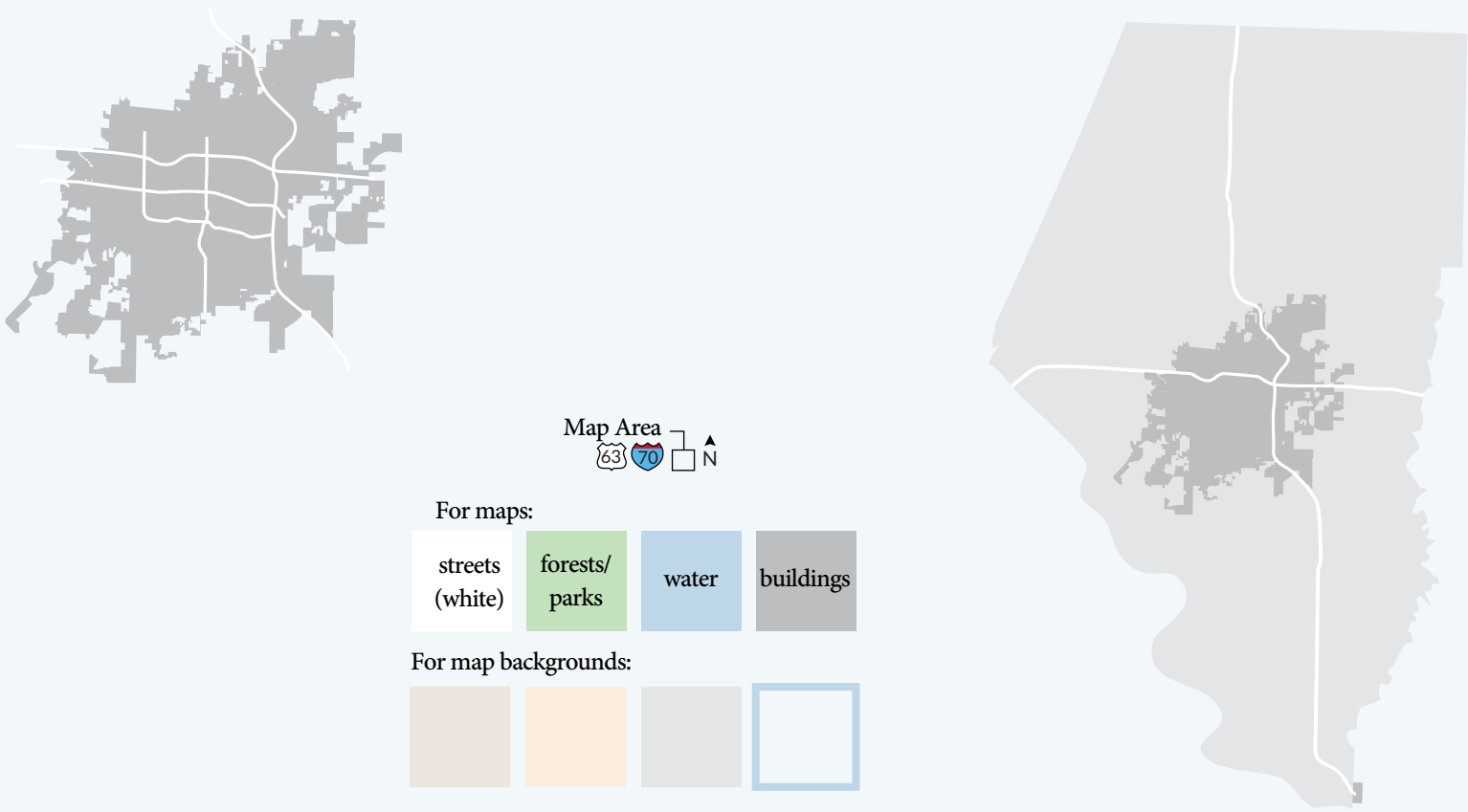


Source: National Weather Service, Missourian reporting

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Map Materials

City of Columbia map with major roads | Boone County map with city of Columbia inlet



Missouri state map with counties (editable-->ungroup)



U.S. State map (editable --> ungroup)

