

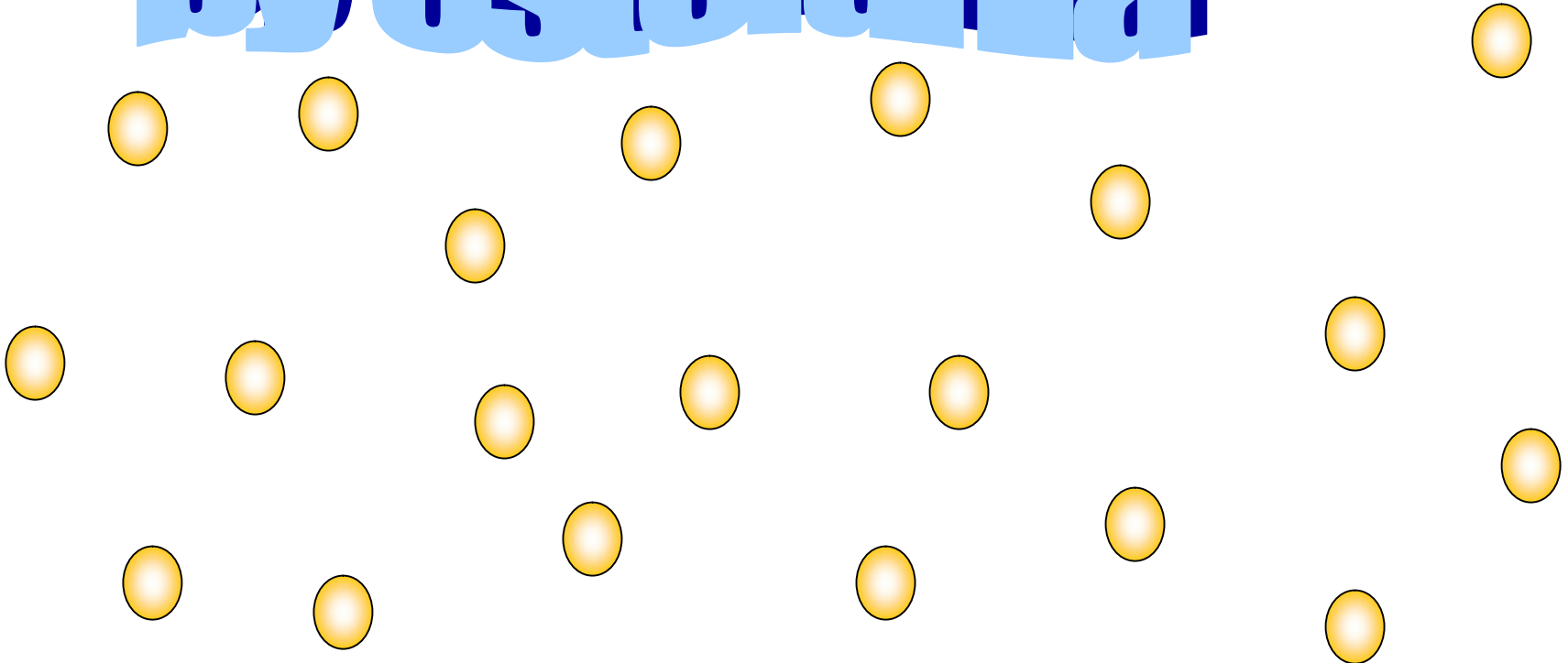


# Darkling beetles



The darkling beetle lays eggs. We can not see the eggs because they're too small and they are hard to see.

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The eggs hatch and turn into a mealworm. The mealworm eats wheat germ and it drinks potatoes for water. It grows bigger when it is eating more. We have to clean the food and the potato in the mealworms jar. If the mealworm is black or brown it is dead. Birds and animals like to eat them.



The mealworm turns into a pupa the pupa doesn't move.  
The mealworm looks like it is dead but it is not dead.





The pupa hatches into a darkling beetle. The beetle eats the same food. First the beetle looks white, then its brown, then its black.

