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Chrysalid

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Order: Lepidoptera  
Family: Nymphalidae

**Etymology:** *Memphis* comes from the Egyptian word *mennefer*, meaning ‘his beauty’. *Glycerium* may come from the Greek *glykys*, meaning sweet.

**Wing span:** 2.3 - 3.2 inches (59 - 81 mm)

**Habitat:** The Angled Leafwing prefers disturbed subtropical forests and edges.

**Host Plant:** The larvae are known to feed on *croton jalapensis* in the spurge family, Euphorbiaceae.

**Adult Food Source:** Adults like to feed on sap and rotting fruit.

**Life History:** Their flights are swift and strong. Males perch to watch for females. Females lay eggs on host plant leaves. Caterpillars hatch and feed on host plant leaves until they are ready to pupate.

**Flights:** The wet season form flies from June to September, and the dry season form flies in October. A specific group in South Texas flies in July.

**Fun Facts:** Young caterpillars will form a perch from a leaf midvein to rest upon and feed from. Older caterpillars will form a shelter from a rolled leaf to protect from predators.

**Range:**

