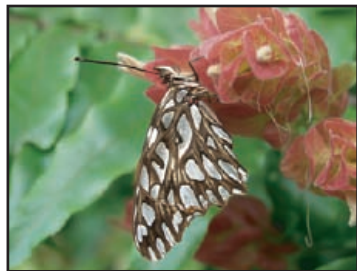


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Inside



Outside



Chrysalid

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Order: Lepidoptera  
Family: Nymphalidae

**Etymology:** The genus *Dione* is named after an archaic goddess from Greek mythology. Moneta was from Roman mythology and represented an individual of great riches and wealth.

**Wingspan:** 2.75 – 3 inches (70 – 75 mm)

**Habitat:** Mexican Silverspots are primarily found along the perimeter and throughout the tropical forest.

**Host Plant:** The larvae feed on a variety of plants in the genus *Passiflora* such as *adenopoda* and *capsularis*.

**Adult Food Source:** The adults are known to feed from a wide variety of nectar plants.

**Life History:** Males patrol the habitat for receptive females. After mating, the females lay their eggs individually or in groups on the host plant. After hatching from their eggs the larvae feed on the host plant which is sometimes done in groups.

**Flights:** In the northern most part of their range, adults are found April thru December while in the warmer southern locations there are multiple generations and adults can be found year round.

**Fun Facts:** The silver spots located on the underside of the wings are not only a silver color but they are actually able to reflect light.

**Range:**

