

# Mylitta Greenwing

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Male



Outside



Inside



Chrysalid

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Order: Lepidoptera  
Family: Nymphalidae

**Etymology:** In Greek dynamis means power and strength. In Babylonian mythology Mylitta was the goddess of love, war and fertility.

**Wing span:** - 1.25 – 1.5 inches (31 – 38 mm)

**Habitat:** Mylitta Greenwings are found in lowland tropical forest along the edges.

**Host Plant:** Larvae are known to feed on plant in the genus *Dalechampia*.

**Adult Food Source:** Adults nectar from a variety of composite flowers.

**Life History:** Males patrol for receptive females. After mating, the female lays her eggs individually on the leaves and stems of the host plant. The larvae feed on the host plant until they pupate. Pupa hangs on the host plant or surrounding structure until it emerges.

**Flights:** There are multiple generations each year, making it possible to find adults most of the year, especially in the warmest part of their range.

**Fun Facts:** The inside of the male Mylitta Greenwing wings are iridescent green. This impressive coloration is created by tiny overlapping structural scales similar to those found on the Common Blue Morpho.

**Range:**

