

# Scarlet Mormon

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Male



Outside



Inside



Chrysalid

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Order: Lepidoptera  
Family: Papilionidae

**Etymology:** The genus *Papilio* is Latin for butterfly. The origin of the specie *rumanzovia* is currently unknown.

**Wingspan:** 4.25 – 5 inches (107 – 126 mm)

**Habitat:** Scarlet Mormons are usually found within primary forest, but they often venture out into the surrounding areas.

**Host Plant:** The larvae feed on several species of Citrus plants.

**Adult Food Source:** Adults can be found nectaring on a variety of flowers.

**Life History:** Males patrol and defend their habitat from invading males while they look for receptive females. After mating, the females look for host plants to lay their eggs on. The caterpillars feed on the host plant until they form their pupae.

**Flights:** The flight time of the Scarlet Mormons in the wild is currently unknown.

**Fun Facts:** The Scarlet Mormon is sexually dimorphic which means the males and females look different from each other. The females are also polymorphic which means there is also variation in the way the females look.

**Range:**

