

Peacock Pansy

Junonia almana



Inside



Outside



Chrysalid

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Order: Lepidoptera
Family: Nymphalidae

Etymology: The origin of *Junonia* is currently unknown. The specie *almana* is currently unknown.

Wing span: 2.25 - 2.5 inches (60 - 65 mm)

Habitat: The Peacock Pansy is commonly found in low lying areas visiting gardens, the open country side, areas surrounding rice fields and road sides.

Host Plant: The larvae are known to feed on *Alternanthera philoxeroides* and *Mimosa pudica* (Sensitive Plant).

Adult Food Source: The adults will nectar from a variety of flowers but they really seem to enjoy Lantana.

Life History: Males are believed to be territorial so they patrol their range waiting for females as they pass through. After mating the female searches for a host plant and then proceeds to lay several eggs per plant. After the caterpillars hatch from their eggs they feed on the host plant until they form their chrysalis.

Flights: Adults can be found flying almost all year round with the largest population and range between the months of April - October. The population seem to reach the highest numbers during the monsoon season.

Fun Facts: While the adult males and females are very similar in color, shape and pattern, this butterfly actually exhibits a great deal of seasonal variation. There is such a difference between the wet season and dry season varieties that they were originally believed to be two separate species.

Range:

