

Ruby-Spotted Swallowtail

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Inside



Outside



Chrysalid

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Order: Lepidoptera
Family: Nymphalidae

Etymology: The genus *Papilio* is latin for butterfly. *Anchisiades* comes from the Greek man Anchises who bragged about having a child with Aphrodite and was struck dead by Zeus for his hubris.

Wing span: 2.75 - 4 inches (70 - 100 mm)

Habitat: This butterfly prefers lowland tropical forests, citrus groves, and gardens.

Host Plant: The larvae feed on trees in the citrus family *Rutaceae*.

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

Life History: Females lay eggs in groups on host plant leaves. The caterpillars emerge and rest in clusters on the host plant during the day and feed at night. The caterpillars will feed until they are read to form their chrysalides.

Flights: Several flights occur during the months of May through October.

Fun Facts: As stated before, the eggs are laid in groups on the host plant leaves. The caterpillars continue this group behavior through every stage. They hatch out of their eggs together, they feed at the same times in the same places, they molt at the same time, and they will pupate at the same time.

Range:

