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Chrysalid

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Order: Lepidoptera  
Family: Nymphalidae

**Etymology:** The genus *Dione* is named after anarchaic goddess from Greek mythology. In Roman mythology Juno was the queen of the Roman gods.

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

**Habitat:** Silverspot butterflies are found moving throughout open tropical forest and the surrounding areas.

**Host Plant:** The larvae are known to feed on plants in the genus *Passiflora*, *Tacsonia*, *Grandilla*, *Distephana* and *Plectostema*.

**Adult Food Source:** Adults are known to feed on a variety of nectar plants.

**Life History:** After mating, female Silverspot butterflies lay their eggs in clusters on host plants. Once the eggs hatch the larvae gregariously feed on the host plant. Once the caterpillar is done eating the host plant it forms a pupae.

**Flights:** In the northernmost 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 silver in color, but are actually able to reflect light.

**Range:**

