

# TROPICAL BUTTERFLY HOUSE

## OBSERVERS' GUIDE

Spot our most frequent butterfly visitors. Sometimes we display butterflies that are not on the guide. See if you can find one.



### Brushfoot butterflies Family *Nymphalidae*

Like other insects, butterflies in this family have six legs. But you can only see four of them. Their front legs, which detect smell, are tiny and held hidden against the body.



All of our butterflies come from sustainable farms around the world.



*Prepona omphale*  
**Blue Belly-Button** ●  
(inside & outer wings)



*Parthenos sylvia*  
**Clipper** ●



### Region of Origin

- Central or South America
- Southeast Asia



*Catonephele numilia*  
**Numilia** ●  
(male & female)



*Hamadryas laodamia*  
**Starry Night** ●  
(male & female)



*Hamadryas februa*  
**Gray Calico** ●



*Hamadryas amphinome*  
**Red Calico** ●



*Hamadryas feronia*  
**Variable Calico** ●

All images are one half actual size.

1 cm



*Hypolimnas bolina*  
**Blue Moon** ●



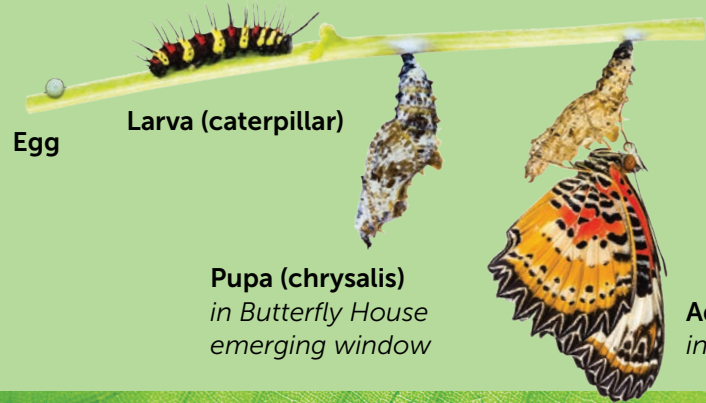
*Myscelia ethusa*  
**Royal Blue** ●



*Anartia amathea*  
**Scarlet Peacock** ●



Not every butterfly is listed here. Can you spot one that is not on the guide?



### Butterfly Life Cycle

Adult butterflies live anywhere from a few days to several months depending on species. But that is not their whole lifespan. First they spend several weeks or longer as caterpillars and chrysalis — in cold climates, they may spend the whole winter as a caterpillar or chrysalis, waiting for spring. (*Lacewing life cycle shown left*)

Please leave this guide at the exit for others to enjoy.





## Morpho and Owl Butterflies

### *Morphidae* and *Brassolidae*

Look for these large butterflies on our fruit dishes or chasing each other through the trees. Most have eye spots, some have brilliant inner wings.



*Morpho peleides*  
**Common Blue Morpho** ●  
(inside & outer wings)



*Morpho polyphemus*  
**White Morpho** ●



*Caligo memnon*  
**Owl Butterfly** ●  
(inside & outer wings)



## Milkweed butterflies

### *Danaidae*

Caterpillars of this group eat plants that are nasty tasting to most other animals. The chemicals in the plants are also in the butterflies' bodies and make them unpleasant for predators.



*Idea leuconoe*  
**Paper Kite** ●



*Lycorea cleobaea*  
**Tiger Mimic** ●



## Swallowtail butterflies

### Family *Papilionidae*

Some of these have tails on their wings, some don't but their profiles are still quite distinctive.



*Papilio thoas*  
**King Swallowtail** ●



*Eurytides epidaus*  
**Long Tailed Kite Swallowtail** ●



*Battus belus*  
**Belus Gold Rim** ●



*Papilio erostratus*  
**Dusky Swallowtail** ●



## Longwing butterflies

### *Heliconiinae*

These butterflies get protein by eating pollen. This gives them a longer lifespan than most other butterflies.



*Heliconius melpomene*  
**Large Postman** ●  
(Suriname & Costa Rica)



*Heliconius hecale*  
**Golden Helicon** ●



*Cethosia cyane*  
**Leopard Lacewing** ●



*Dryas julia*  
**Julia** ●



*Heliconius ismenius*  
**Tiger Longwing** ●



*Vindula dejone*  
**Cruiser** ●