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Animal Fact Sheet

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Atlas Moth

Attacus atlas

The atlas moth is among the largest insects in the world by wing area — and the adult has no functional mouth. It cannot eat. It emerges from the cocoon carrying every calorie it will ever have, bank…

Quick facts

Classification: Invertebrate
Family: Saturniidae
Habitat: Tropical and subtropical forests
Diet: Herbivore
Conservation status: Least Concern
Lifespan: 1-2 weeks (adult), 4-5 months total (including larval and pupal stages)
Weight: 15-25 grams
Scientific name: Attacus atlas

Did you know?

- The silk produced by Atlas Moth caterpillars is used in some parts of India to make a durable, natural fabric called 'fagara silk.'
- The adult has no working mouth and never eats — it lives a week or two entirely on fat stored as a caterpillar. Its wingtips are patterned to look li…

What I learned

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