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Blue Morpho Butterfly

Morpho menelaus

The Blue Morpho Butterfly is one of the largest and most striking butterflies in the world, easily recognized by its vivid, iridescent blue wings. Native to the tropical forests of Central and South ...

Quick facts

Classification: Invertebrate

Family: Nymphalidae

Habitat: Tropical rainforest

Diet: Herbivore

Conservation status: Least Concern

Lifespan: 115-130 days (from egg to adult)

Weight: 2-3 grams

Scientific name: *Morpho menelaus*

Did you know?

- The Blue Morpho's wings appear brown when closed, making it nearly invisible against the forest floor, but flash an electric blue when open, startlin...
- Blue Morpho butterflies use their brown, camouflaged underwings to hide from predators when resting. Their blue wings are not pigmented, but get thei...

What I learned
