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Animal Fact Sheet

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Emerald Swallowtail

Papilio palinurus

The Emerald Swallowtail is a striking butterfly renowned for its iridescent green bands and shimmering blue-green scales that adorn its wings. Native to Southeast Asia, this butterfly inhabits lush r…

Quick facts

Classification: Invertebrate
Family: Papilionidae
Habitat: Tropical rainforest
Diet: Herbivore
Conservation status: Least Concern
Lifespan: 6-12 months
Weight: 0.5-1.0 grams
Scientific name: Papilio palinurus

Did you know?

- Despite their showy appearance, Emerald Swallowtails are masters of camouflage, blending in seamlessly among dappled rainforest foliage.
- The Emerald Swallowtail's green coloration is created by structural coloration, not pigment. This butterfly is part of the 'swallowtail' group, named…

What I learned

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