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Animal Fact Sheet

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European peacock butterfly

Aglais io

Aglais io is a butterfly with two entirely different defences and a strict sequence for using them. Its wings, when closed, are near-black with fine cryptic veining, and a resting peacock on a tree t…

Quick facts

Classification: Invertebrate
Family: Nymphalidae
Habitat: Woodlands, meadows, gardens, and parks
Diet: Herbivore
Conservation status: Least Concern
Lifespan: 11-12 months
Weight: 0.2–0.4 grams
Scientific name: Aglais io

Did you know?

- Despite their delicate appearance, European peacock butterflies can survive freezing winter temperatures by entering a state of dormancy.
- Because the adult hibernates, a peacock that wakes in a heated house in midwinter will exhaust its fat reserves and die — the standard advice is to m…

What I learned

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