

# Animal Fact Sheet

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## Giant Swallowtail Butterfly

*Papilio cresphontes*

The Giant Swallowtail Butterfly is North America's largest butterfly, recognized for its striking black and yellow coloration and graceful, undulating flight. Its wingspan can reach up to 15 centimet...

### Quick facts

**Classification:** Invertebrate

**Family:** Papilionidae

**Habitat:** Woodlands, citrus groves, gardens, and deciduous forests

**Diet:** Herbivore

**Conservation status:** Least Concern

**Lifespan:** 1-2 months (adult stage)

**Weight:** 0.5-1.0 grams

**Scientific name:** *Papilio cresphontes*

### Did you know?

- Despite their beauty, Giant Swallowtail caterpillars are sometimes considered pests in commercial citrus orchards due to their appetite for citrus le...
- Giant Swallowtails have a unique flight pattern that appears almost erratic, making them difficult for predators to catch. Their caterpillars can emi...

### What I learned

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