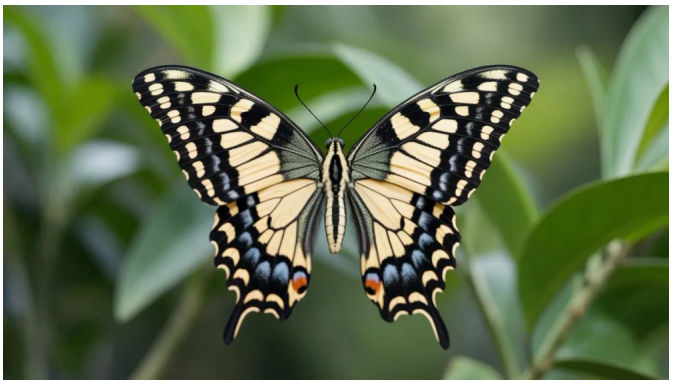
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Giant Swallowtail Butterfly

Papilio cresphontes

North America's largest butterfly, Papilio cresphontes spans up to about 18 cm and traces a black wing crossed by two converging bands of yellow spots that meet at the wingtip, forming a shallow X wh…

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…
- The caterpillar's osmeterium is not merely a scent gland but a mechanical one: it can be swung and pressed directly onto an attacking ant or wasp. Be…

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