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Peacock Butterfly

Aglais io

The Peacock Butterfly is a strikingly colorful butterfly native to Europe and temperate Asia. Renowned for its bold, eye-like markings on each wing, it uses these patterns to startle and deter predators.

Quick facts

Classification: Invertebrate

Family: Nymphalidae

Habitat: Woodlands, meadows, gardens, and parks

Diet: Herbivore

Conservation status: Least Concern

Lifespan: 1-11 months

Weight: 0.2-0.5 grams

Scientific name: *Aglais io*

Did you know?

- Unlike many butterflies, the Peacock Butterfly can overwinter as an adult and emerge as soon as the weather warms in early spring.
- The striking eye spots on its wings mimic the eyes of larger animals to scare away predators. Peacock Butterflies can produce a hissing sound by rubbing their wings together.

What I learned
