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Purple Emperor Butterfly

Apatura iris

The Purple Emperor Butterfly is a striking large butterfly native to the woodlands of Europe and parts of Asia. Males display a brilliant iridescent purple sheen on their upper wings, while females a...

Quick facts

Classification: Invertebrate

Family: Nymphalidae

Habitat: Deciduous and mixed woodlands

Diet: Herbivore

Conservation status: Least Concern

Lifespan: 2-3 weeks (adult stage)

Weight: 0.4-0.7 grams

Scientific name: *Apatura iris*

Did you know?

- Purple Emperor males are known to land on sweaty humans to obtain salt and minerals from perspiration.
- The Purple Emperor's wings only appear purple when viewed from specific angles due to microscopic scales. Unlike most butterflies, they prefer to fee...

What I learned
