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Animal Fact Sheet

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Purple Emperor Butterfly

Apatura iris

Apatura iris is the butterfly that ignores flowers. Adults almost never take nectar; instead they come down from the oak canopy to feed on dung, carrion, urine, rotting fish and the oozing sap of wou…

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.
- Purple emperors have been photographed feeding on fox scat and dead badgers, and the surest way to find one is to look at the ground, not at flowers.…

What I learned

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