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## Queen Alexandra's Birdwing Caterpillar

*Ornithoptera alexandrae*

Queen Alexandra's birdwing caterpillar is the remarkable larval stage of the world's largest butterfly, native exclusively to Papua New Guinea. The caterpillar is dark brown to black in color, adorne...

### Quick facts

**Classification:** Invertebrate

**Family:** Papilionidae

**Habitat:** Lowland rainforest

**Diet:** Herbivore

**Conservation status:** Endangered

**Lifespan:** 2-3 months (larval stage)

**Weight:** Up to 8 grams

**Scientific name:** *Ornithoptera alexandrae*

### Did you know?

- The caterpillar's striking coloration is a warning to predators that it is poisonous, thanks to chemicals ingested from its host plants.
- Queen Alexandra's birdwing caterpillars are among the largest butterfly larvae in the world, sometimes reaching lengths of up to 12 centimeters. They...

### What I learned

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