

Aegeus



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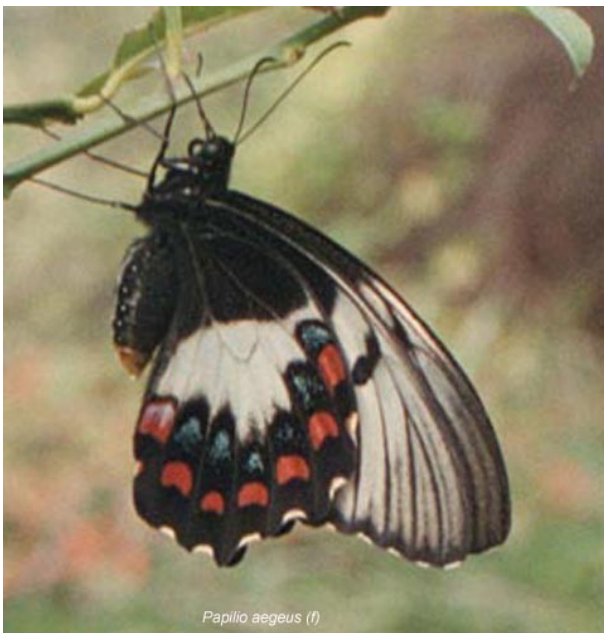
A female Orchard Butterfly resting on a lemon twig prior to first flight.

Orchard butterfly

Papilio aegeus aegeus

Every garden has these beautiful, big and rather black butterflies gliding through. From late Spring to Autumn the females are looking for citrus trees to lay their eggs and the males are looking for females!

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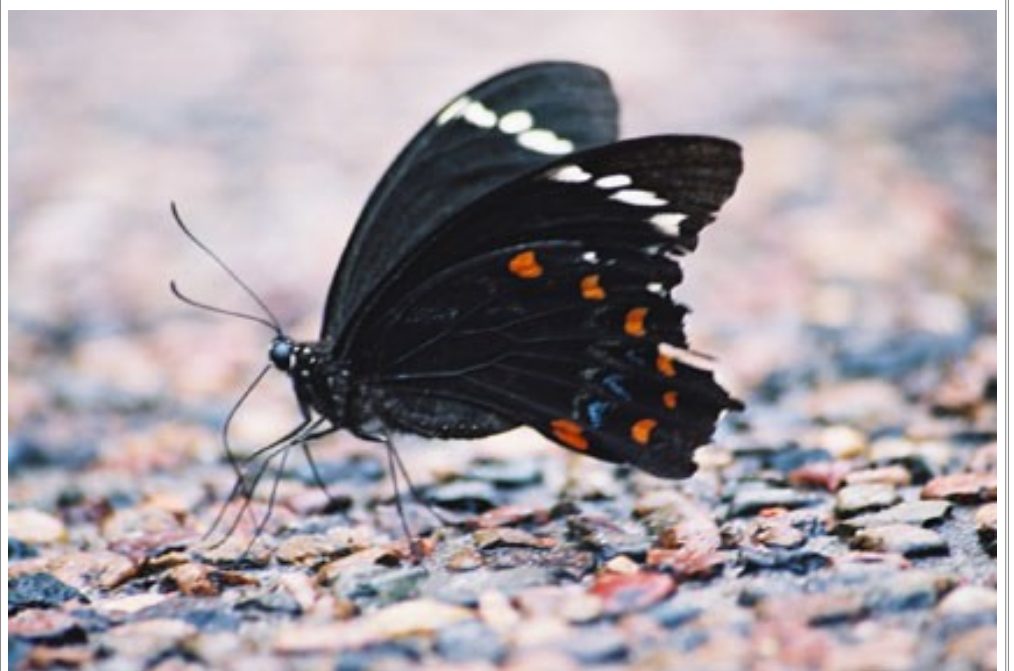
The underside of a female Orchard Butterfly



Male Orchard Butterfly just emerged



Male Orchard Butterfly detail



A male Orchard Butterfly sipping water from a wet path. Its hind-wing is a little ragged.