

Macleay



40 mm

Macleays Swallowtail, Green Fanny

Graphium macleaynus

The best time to see this swiftly flying butterfly is fairly early on a summer morning, as it feeds on Everlastings along the edge of a forest road. By mid-morning it is usually flying high in the tree canopy. It is a restless butterfly, pausing only briefly, fore-wings always fluttering, as it quickly takes nectar from the flowers. It is quite common in the Canberra Botanic Gardens rain forest.

Its caterpillars feed on the leaves of Sassafras and the introduced Camphor Laurel, as well as several other native species.

