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Head-and-Shoulders Skipper *(Tarsoctenus papias)*

This butterfly is often seen together with swarms of army ants in the forest. It makes short, low flights, looking for droppings from ant-following birds. It lives in the forests of Brazil and feeds on bird droppings and nectar. Their wingspan is between one and two inches.



Orange-tipped Angled-Sulphur *(Anteos menippe)*

These butterflies can spread throughout urban areas, where the caterpillars feed on plants. The adults feed by visiting flowers. In the Amazon, large clusters of them are observed in riverbanks. They can be found in Brazil, Colombia, Ecuador, Panama, Peru, and Venezuela. Their wingspan is slightly longer than three inches.



Thoas Swallowtail *(Papilio thoas)*

This species is seen in places with sunlight, including urban habitats, meadows, and the forest. It spends much time flying high, but flies lower to feed on flowers or damp sand. They can be found in Brazil, Colombia, Ecuador, Panama, Peru, and Venezuela. Their wingspan is four to five inches.



Zebra Teaser *(Arawacus separata)*

This species is commonly seen on shrubs. It feeds on nectar but never takes it from flowers. It can live near people, on the edge of the forest, or in open areas. This species is usually found in Brazil, Ecuador, Mexico, Peru, and Venezuela. Their wingspan is about one inch.



Periander Metalmark *(Rhetus periander)*

This species of butterfly flies very fast. It can be observed when resting under sun, on the ground, or on low vegetation. It lives on the forest's edge and near riverbanks in Brazil, Colombia, Costa Rica, and Suriname. It eats nectar and minerals. Their wingspan is about two inches.



Phlegia Metalmark *(Stalactis phlegia)*

This is a very common species. They inhabit open forests, meadows, and urban areas of Brazil, Suriname, and Venezuela. The caterpillars feed on plants, and the adults feed on nectar. Their wingspan is about one inch.



Menelaus (Blue) Morpho *(Morpho menelaus)*

This species is the largest butterfly in the Amazon, with a wingspan of five to eight inches. Adults feed on fruit on the ground, moist soil, and mud puddles. They live in the forests of Brazil, Colombia, Costa Rica, Ecuador, Guyana, Panama, Peru, and Venezuela.



Dirce Beauty *(Colobura dirce)*

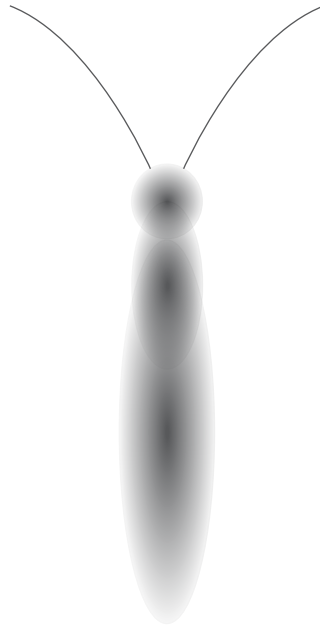
These butterflies inhabit all types of environments—near people, forests, forest edges, and open spaces. It uses its natural camouflage to rest on the trunks of trees upside down. The caterpillars eat plants, and the adults eat rotting fruit. You can find them in Bolivia, Brazil, Colombia, Ecuador, Guyana, and Venezuela. Their wingspan is about an inch and a half.



Tropical Buckeye *(Junonia evarete)*

This butterfly lives in different habitats such as mangroves, forest edges, urban gardens, open environments, riverbanks, and sunny savannahs. The caterpillars eat mangrove plants, and adults feed on nectar. They live in Argentina, Brazil, Colombia, Costa Rica, Ecuador, Honduras, Mexico, Puerto Rico, Suriname, and Venezuela. The wingspan is two to two-and-a-half inches.

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Name:

Species:

Size:

Distinguishing features:

Habitat:

Diet:

Prey:

Magical power: