

## Giant Swallowtail (*Papilio cresphontes*)



**Upperside with yellow band on dark background**

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**Description:** A large conspicuous butterfly, Giant Swallowtail is distinguished from Maritime swallowtails by its large size and the presence of a bright yellow diagonal band on the otherwise largely dark brown upperside. Wingspan: 83 to 113 mm.

**Maritime Distribution:** Vagrant.

**Atlas records to date:** None.

**Provincial Ranks:** NB: -. NS: SNA. PEI: -.

**Flight Period:** There are two flights in Ontario, the first from late May to July and the second from late July to early September.

**Host Plant:** Larvae feed on members of the citrus family (Rutaceae), of which there are no members in the Maritimes.

**Notes:** One specimen was taken near Windsor Junction, Nova Scotia in 1901. The closest breeding areas are southern Ontario and Connecticut.