

# ORNITHOPTERA PRIAMUS BIOLOGY IN QUEENSLAND, AUSTRALIA (LEPIDOPTERA: PAPILIONIDAE)

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Fig. 1-8. Photo sequence showing a male *O. priamus euphorion*, early instar and late instar larvae, then below, a prepupal larva, pupa, and an emerging adult female.

The birdwing (\*), *Ornithoptera priamus* (Linnaeus), occurs mostly in New Guinea. In northern Queensland, it is found as the subspecies *O. p. euphorion* (Gray). The photos below show larval development and adults. Larvae were reared in Cardwell (near Cairns and Townsville), on the eastern Queensland coast. The hostplant is an *Aristolochia* (Aristolochiaceae) (according to Straatman, 1969. *J. Lepid. Soc.*, 23: 69-76).

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\* Edwards *et al.* (1996. *Checklist of the Lepidoptera of Australia*) lump all birdwing genera under *Troides* but most researchers retain *Ornithoptera*.