

Orchard Swallowtail Butterfly *Papilio aegeus*

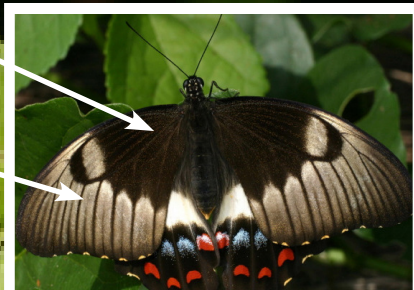
When to look:
October to May

Similar species:

Dingy or Dainty Swallowtail Butterfly: caterpillar is smaller (about 3.5 cm long) and dark green to black with yellow and white spots. The butterfly is also smaller (6 cm wingspan) with creamy-grey patches over its entire black forewing, and creamy-white, red and blue patches on its hindwing.

Female:
Mainly brown to black

Whitish-grey on
the outer half of its
forewing



Creamy-white patch and
series of blue and red
crescent-shaped markings
on its hindwing

Male:
Mainly black

Arc of creamy-white
spots near the tip of
its forewing

Creamy-white patch and single
red spot on its hindwing

Images courtesy of Geoff Walker