



# TIGER SWALLOWTAIL BUTTERFLY LIFE CYCLE



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Butterflies begin life as an egg. Eggs can be very tiny in size and are yellow or green in color.

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After hatching, caterpillars eat as much as possible. They shed their skin in order to grow and can do so many times for a period of two weeks.

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Once fully grown, the caterpillar finds a safe place to build a cocoon in which to pupate. Chemical changes occur during the chrysalis phase transforming the caterpillar into a butterfly.

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At the completion of metamorphosis, the adult butterfly emerges from its cocoon. While the exoskeleton is still soft and pliable, the butterfly pumps blood through its wings to expand them to full size. After a brief while, the exoskeleton hardens and the butterfly is ready to take flight.

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