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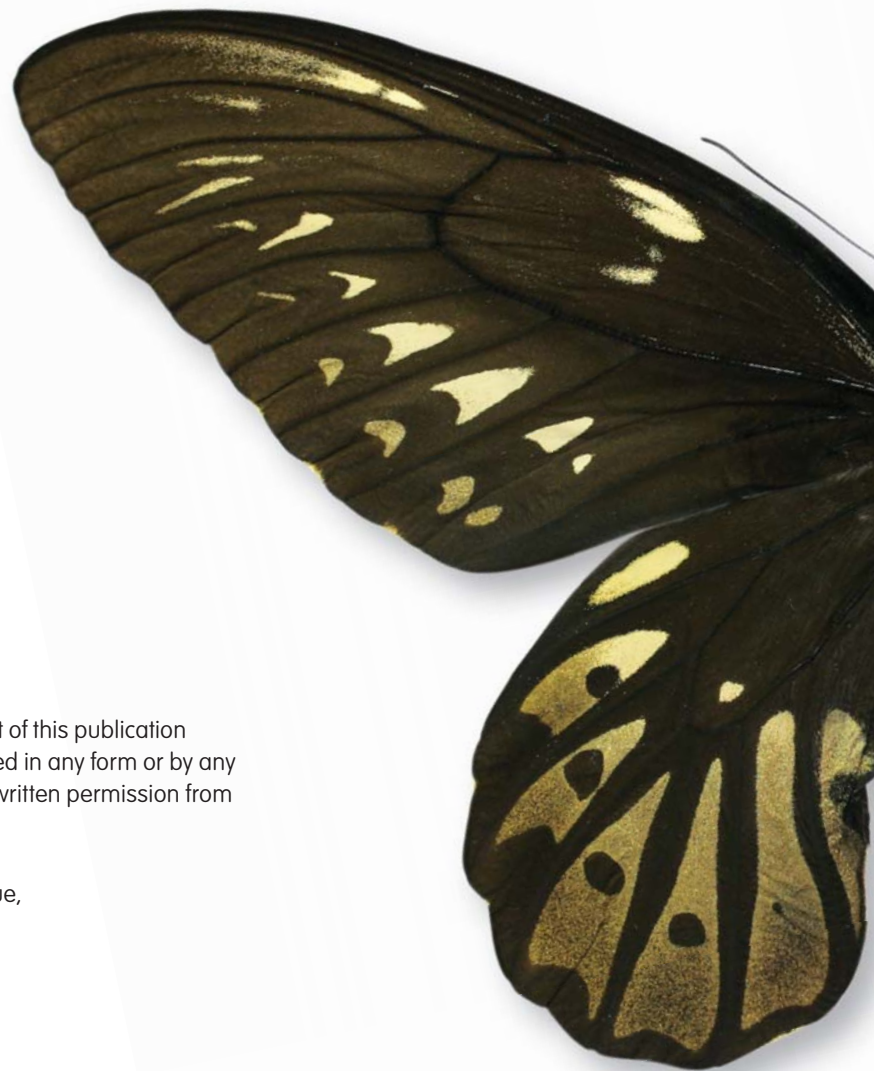
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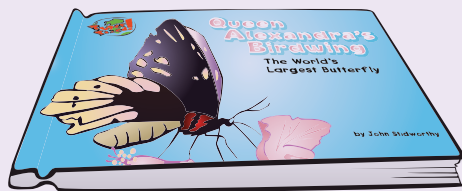


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Wide Wings

The Queen Alexandra's birdwing is the largest butterfly in the world.



A female Queen Alexandra's birdwing is larger than the book you are reading.



A female Queen Alexandra's birdwing can be up to 12 inches (30 cm) long from wingtip to wingtip.

Male and Female Birdwings

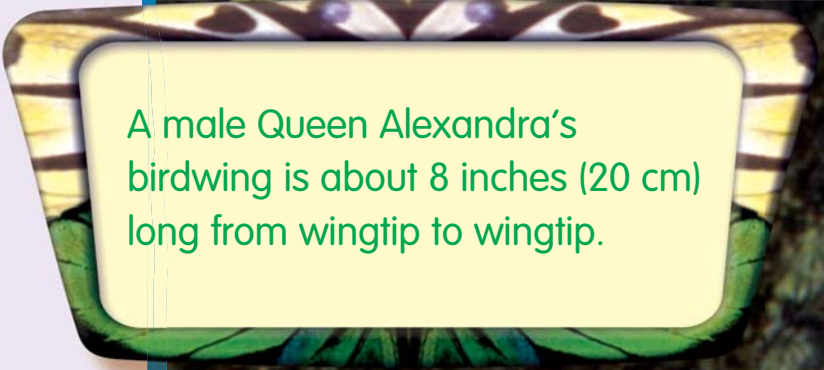
Female Queen Alexandra's birdwings are bigger than males.

The female's wings are brown with cream and yellow markings.

Male birdwings are more colorful.

Their wings are blue, green, yellow, and black.

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A male Queen Alexandra's birdwing is about 8 inches (20 cm) long from wingtip to wingtip.

**female
birdwing**

**male
birdwing**

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This butterfly is larger than many small birds. The female Queen Alexandra's birdwing can be up to 12 inches (30 cm) long from wingtip to wingtip.

Look inside to find out where the Queen Alexandra's birdwing lives. Discover what plant this insect needs to survive and how it hatches from a tiny egg to grow into the world's largest butterfly.

African Elephant

The World's Biggest Land Mammal

Blue Whale

The World's Biggest Mammal

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The World's Tallest Mammal

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Goliath Bird-Eating Tarantula

The World's Biggest Spider

Great Bustard

The World's Heaviest Flying Bird

Green Anaconda

The World's Heaviest Snake

Komodo Dragon

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Leatherback Turtle

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