

Pest Profile



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Common Name: Anise Swallowtail

Scientific Name: *Papilio zelicaon*

Order and Family: Lepidoptera; Papilionidae

Size and Appearance:

	Length (mm)	Appearance
Egg		
Larva	Up to 50 mm	-Colors are from a bright neon green in color with black transverse lines and small yellow dots on the lines to an orange coloration
Adult	Wingspan 70 to 88 mm	-Adult hindwing has yellow–orange eyespot near the tail with a black center area having blue teardrop markings towards the base
Pupa	30 mm	-Brown or green

Type of feeder: Chewing

Host plants: The Anise swallowtail larvae feed mainly in the Umbelliferae (fennel) family. It has also been known to feed on the Apiaceae (parsley) and also some Rutaceae (citrus).

Description of Damage: The Anise swallowtail larvae have been known to cause economic damage to citrus. The damage is considered minor but can be holes on the leaves or entire stems of fennel plants consumed.

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