

Dione glycera



Andean silverspot butterfly

Scientific classification

Domain: Eukaryota
Kingdom: Animalia
Phylum: Arthropoda
Class: Insecta
Order: Lepidoptera
Family: Nymphalidae
Genus: Dione
Species: D. glycera

Binomial Name

Dione glycera

(C. & R. Felder 1861)

Dione glycera is known as “la mariposa de la curuba”.⁶⁹ This species inhabits both the leaves and flowers of the curubo, contributes to pollination and positively influences the productivity of the crop.⁶⁹

Dione glycera, the Andean silverspot, is a species of butterfly of the subfamily Heliconiinae in the family Nymphalidae found in Peru, Venezuela and Colombia.⁷⁰

The biology of the Andean silverspot butterfly Dione glycera (C. Felder & R. Felder, 1861) is still poorly unknown. This species is restricted to high elevations in the Andes, where the immature stages are found in close association with species of Passiflora belonging to the section Tacsonia.⁷⁰

Behaviour

Dione glycera caterpillars live solitary or in small groups. Unlike most butterfly and moth caterpillars, which are active only at night, those of Dione glycera frequently come out to eat during the day, apparently not caring that a bird might detect and eat them.⁶⁹