

## **Isognathus caricae rainermarxi**



**Caterpillar of a moth**

### **Scientific classification**

Domain:Eukaryota

Kingdom:Animalia

Phylum:Arthropoda

Class:Insecta

Order:Lepidoptera

Family:Sphingidae

Genus: Isognathus

Species: I. Caricae

Subspecies: I. Caricae Rainermarxi

### **Binomial Name**

**Isognathus caricae rainermarxi**

(Eitschberger, 1999)

Moths emerge from pupae in thin-walled cocoons under leaf litter within 8-24 days of pupation. *Isognathus caricae* is a moth of the family Sphingidae. It is known from Costa Rica, French Guiana, Bolivia, Argentina and Brazil.

### **Scenting and mating:**

Females call in the males with a pheromone released from a gland at the tip of the abdomen. Adults nectar at flowers, including petunias.

### **Eggs, larvae, pupae:**

Females lay eggs on leaves of Apocynacea. *Himatanthus obovatus*, *Allamanda cathartica* and *Allamanda schottii*. Larvae have long tails; colouration suggests they are unpalatable to birds. The pupae are also quite colourful, and it's suggested they are very lively. Moths generally emerge within 8-24 days of pupation.<sup>22</sup>