PAPILIO POLYMNESTOR.

CHARACTER GENERICUS.

Antennæ apicem versus crassiores, sæpius clavatocapitatæ.

Alæ (sedentis) erectæ sursumque conniventes. (Volatu diurno.)

Lin. Syst. Nat. p. 744.

CHARACTER SPECIFICUS.

PAPILIO alis dentatis subconcoloribus nigris, posticis apice cærulescentibus nigro maculatis.

Fabr. Spec. Insect. tom. 2. p. 9. Eq. Troj.

Elegans hoc infectum, Afiam incolens, est inter species a Linnæo non descriptas. Alæ ejus superiores sunt aterrimæ, nubeculis tamen paucis albescentibus in longitudinem juxta apices ductis, et prope basin nota exstat subtrigona producta coccinea. Alarum inferiorum basis est aterrima et holoserica, pars autem reliqua colorem habet e subcæruleo albicantem, maculis nigris niveisque ornatum.

POLYMNESTOR BUTTERFLY.

GENERIC CHARACTER.

Antennæ, (or Horns) thickening towards the upper part, and generally terminating in a knob, or club-shaped tip.

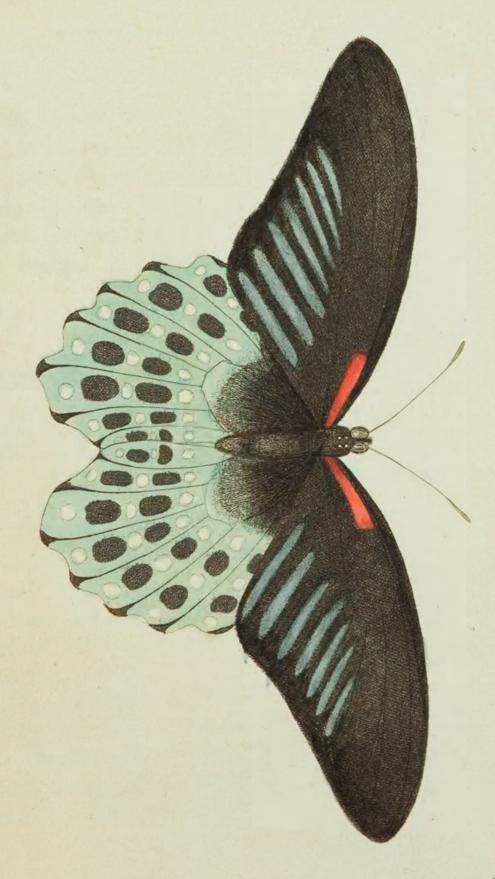
Wings (when fitting) erect, and meeting upwards. (Flight diurnal.)

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SPECIFIC CHARACTER.

BUTTERFLY with indented black wings, colour of both furfaces nearly the fame, the lower wings blueish towards the tips, and spotted with black.

This beautiful infect is one of those species which are not in the works of Linnæus. It is an inhabitant of Asia. The upper wings are of a deep black, with a few longitudinal whitish clouds towards the tips, and a lengthened mark of deep crimson of a somewhat triangular shape, near the base of each. The lower wings are of a deep velvet-black at the base, and from thence of a most elegant whitish or extremely pale blue, or namented with spots of black and snow-white.





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