### EGG

**Height**  →  1.2 mm  
**Length**  →  0.9 mm  
**Duration**  →  3 to 8 days

### DESCRIPTION
- Usually a single egg per milkweed plant, but sometimes several.
- Creme-coloured or yellowish, oval and slightly conical, covered in longitudinal raised ridges.

### WATCH OUT FOR FALSE EGGS!
Milkweed produces a sticky whitish sap that sometimes forms small bubbles on the leaves. Be careful not to confuse these droplets with monarch eggs!
- Small whitish bubbles, rather spherical.
- Different sizes, may resemble a monarch egg.

Photos: André-Philippe Drapeau Picard & André Sarrazin
**LENGTH**
- 2 to 45 mm

**WIDTH**
- 0.5 to 8 mm

**HEAD**
- 0.6 to 2.2 cm

**DURATION**
- 7 to 17 days

**APPEARANCE**
- Yellow, black and white stripes
- Black filaments near its head and at the tip of its abdomen (barely visible on young caterpillars)
- White spots on false legs (older caterpillars)
- Usually seen on milkweed plants, but older caterpillars move about looking for somewhere to pupate.

**BEHAVIOR**
Young caterpillars feed on the leaf, making semi-circular holes, starting in the centre of the leaf. After a few days, they start to feed on leaf edges.
Lenght → 3 cm
Width → 1 cm
Duration → 8 to 15 days

**DESCRIPTION**

- Turquoise-green, with gold spots.
- Gradually darkens until the adult colours show through the transparent case, about 24 to 48 hours before the butterfly emerges.
- Excellent camouflage! Pupae are difficult to spot in the wild.
- Often found elsewhere than on milkweed plants.

Photo 2: Laurent Desaulniers
ADULT

Wingspan → 9 to 11 cm
Duration → 3 à 5 semaines ou environ 8 mois (génération migratrice)

DESCRIPTION
• Orange wings with black veins and white-spotted edges
• Some of the largest butterflies in Canada
• Males show circular black spots on their hind wings.

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