

Mourning Cloak Butterfly

(*Nymphalis antiopa*)



Mourning Cloaks Nectaring on Lantana



Mourning Cloak Caterpillar



Mourning Cloak Chrysalises



Chinese Elm



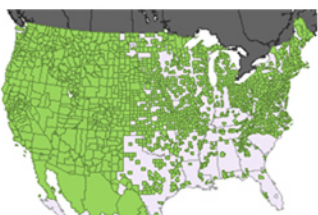
Caterpillars
tend
to stay
in
groups



Wing Span: 2 3/4 to 4 inches (7-10cm)



Eggs are
laid
in
groups



Caterpillar Hosts: Leaves of Cottonwood and Aspen (*Populus*), Willows (*Salix*), Wild Cherry (*Prunus*), Chinese Elm (*Ulmus*) and Ash (*Fraxinus*)

Adult Food: Nectar from many flowers including Thistles, Abelia, California Buckeye, Zinnia and Yerba Santa

Habitat: Woodlands near rivers and streams, wooded suburbs, canyon, parks, roadsides and oases