Western Tiger Swallowtail

(Papilio rutlus)



Tiger Swallowtail on Pentas



Egg







1 st Instar Tiger Swallowtail Caterpillar



Cleavland Sage



Tiger Swallowtail Chrysalis



Wooly Blue Curls



Arroyo Willow (Salix lasiolepis)

Wing span: 2 3/4 to 3 7/8 inches (70 to 98mm)

Caterpillar Host Plants: Holly Leaf Cherry (Prunus ilicifolia), Western Sycamore (Platanus racemosa), Willow (Salix), Poplars, Aspens (Salicaceae) and Alders (Alnus)

Adult Butterfly Food: Nectar from many flowers including Thistles, Sages, Lobelia, Woolly Blue Curls (Trichostema lanatum) and Pentas

Hapitat: Widespread, but normally near roadsides, parks and gardens, sagelands and mesas with creeks

