Clouded Mother-of-Pearl

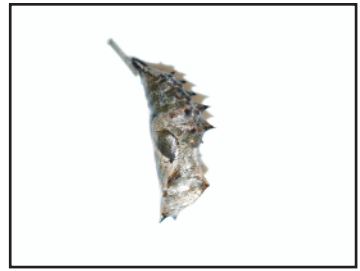
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Inside



Outside



Chrysalid

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Order: Lepidoptera
Family: Nymphalidae

Etymology: Salamis is an island of Greece in the Saronic Gulf east of Athens. The origin of the specie *anacardii* is currently unknown.

Wing span: - 3 - 3.5 inches (75 - 88 mm)

Habitat: The Clouded Mother-of-Pearl prefer areas where deciduous forest and dense savannah are found.

Host Plant: The larvae are known to feed on plants in the genus *Asystasia, Brillantaisia, Isoglossa, Justicia, Mimulopsis, Paulowilhelmia and Iopsis.*

Adult Food Source: The adults may visit flowers from time to time but they are more often observed visiting small puddles or dung.

Life History: Both the male and female are aggressive fliers. After mating females go from host plant to host plant laying eggs individually. When the eggs hatch the larva feed on the host plant until they form their chrysalis.

Flights: Currently unavailable

Fun Facts: At first glance and from the photo on the front of this card you may think this butterfly is just black and white. But if you take a close look at a live specimen you will that the white portions of this butterfly is iridescent and shimmering a variety of colors. With such an amazing color and pattern it is not hard to see why some people say it is the prettiest of all the African butterflies.

Range:

