Banded Peacock

Anartia fatima



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Order: Lepidoptera
Family: Nymphalidae

Etymology: *Anartia* origin is currently unknown. Fatima is a female personal name.

Wingspan: 2 – 2.2 inches (50 – 55 mm)

Habitat: The Banded Peacock is found in a wide variety of habitats such as open subtropical and disturbed areas, orchards, areas over grown by weeds and secondary growth.

Host Plant: The larvae are known to feed from *Blechum, Justicia, Dicliptera, Ruellia*.

Adult Food Source: The adults will feed from a variety of nectar plants, such as *Lantana*.

Life History: Males defend a territory from passing males and by chasing passing females. After mating, the females lay their eggs in clusters on the flowers of the host plants. Once the eggs hatch, the larvae feed on the host plant until they develop enough to form their pupae.

Flights: There are multiple generations each year which make it possible to find adults flying throughout the year.

Fun Facts: Since one of the preferred habitats for the Banded Peacock is human disturbed areas, local populations may become extremely abundant at one point in time and then undergo a rapid local extinction within that same location.

Range:

