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Order: Lepidoptera
Family: Nymphalidae

Etymology: The genus *Hypna* is Latin for web, while the specie *clytemnestra* is found in Greek mythology. Clytemnestra was the wife of Agamemnon.

Wingspan: 2.5 – 3 inches (65 – 75 mm)

Habitat: The Jazzy Leafwing is primarily found in wet tropical forests flying in the forest canopy.

Host Plant: The larvae feed on a variety of Crotons such as *Croton floribundus*.

Adult Food Source: Adults can be found feeding from tree sap and rotting fruits.

Life History: After mating the female lays her small round eggs individually on the host plant. The larvae construct a silk enclosure which is used as a resting spot and a safe perch from which they feed. During the final molt of the larvae the chrysalis is formed.

Flights: There are multiple generations each year which makes it possible to find adults all year round.

Fun Facts: While the Jazzy Leafwing is considered to be rare or hard to find, there have been a couple reported occasions of localized population explosions, where large numbers were seen flying through urban areas.

Range:

