

# Home-grown butterflies

**Pipevine Swallowtail butterflies** are native right here in the Sacramento Valley, and they depend on California pipevine (*Aristolochia californica*) as their exclusive larval food plant. The butterflies lay eggs on pipevine leaves in the spring, and the caterpillars feed on the plant as they develop. Plant pipevine in your garden to grow your own butterflies!



- Adult Pipevine Swallowtail butterflies (*Battus philenor*) feed on nectar from a variety of flowers.
- Pipevine Swallowtail caterpillars rely on pipevine for food.

- Look for unusual pipe-shaped flowers in winter. Pipevine is easy to grow on a trellis in partial shade with occasional summer water.