**SOUTHERN TAILED BIRDWING**  
(*Troides* [syn. *Ornithoptera*] *meridionalis*)

The southern tailed birdwing is endangered by the logging of its natural habitat and the uncontrolled development of plantations in Indonesia and Papua New Guinea.

**Status**
IUCN status: Endangered

**Description**
The male of this large swallowtail has tailed hindwings, and is black, iridescent yellow-green and golden. The female is white and black with yellow markings.

**Life history**
The species occurs in lowland rainforest. The larval food plant is not known.

**Distribution**
Very rare and localized in extreme south-eastern Papua New Guinea and Indonesia (Irian Jaya)

**Threats**
This species is endangered by the logging of its natural habitat and the uncontrolled development of plantations throughout its range. Dealers prices are exceptionally high and pairs commonly sell for $1200 US and up.

**Conservation**
Protect known sites and curb overcollecting. Some countries now control imports of this species.

**References**

Museum of Natural History in Vienna  
[http://www.nhm-wien.ac.at/nhm/2Zoo/lepidoptera/highlights.html](http://www.nhm-wien.ac.at/nhm/2Zoo/lepidoptera/highlights.html)

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