

Richmond birdwing

Ornithoptera richmondia

Habitat

Lives in subtropical rainforests that support native birdwing butterfly vines, *Pararistolochia* species.

Queensland National Parks

that protect them

Springbrook, Lamington, Main Range, Tamborine, D'Aguilar and Mooloola River national parks.

Fun facts

In the Yugambah language of southeast Queensland, Jalngay Ngahriyahn is the name given to this butterfly.

Jalngay comes from light or bright, and Ngahriyan means dancing or playing, with the combination meaning dancing lights.

Adults fly throughout the day but are more active during the early morning and late afternoon.

The largest sub-tropical butterfly in Australia. They have a wingspan of up to 16cm for females and 13cm for males.

Why Ranger's fave animal?

'This vulnerable butterfly is an important pollinator, helping many plant species to reproduce. They contribute to the overall biodiversity of their habitat.' — Ranger Wil

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