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THE TIGER-SWALLOW-TAIL (*Papilio Turnus*, L.)

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Just about the time the lilac bushes open their fragrant blossoms the grand insect shown at figure 9 may be seen either hovering over gardens and sipping the nectar of flowers, or sailing majestically down some woodland glade. It generally appears at Ottawa about the first of June,

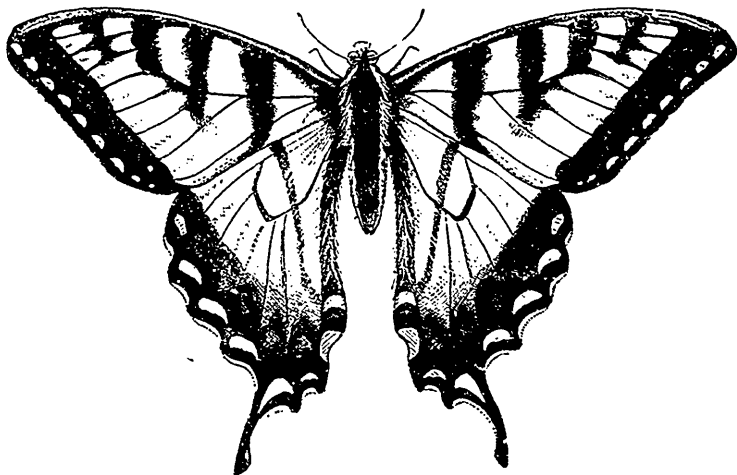


Figure 9.

and may be seen for a month or more. Farther to the north it comes later, not appearing at Nepigon, north of Lake Superior, until the end of June. This insect has many characters which make it of interest to the collector. Its size and beauty make it a striking object in the spring landscape. Although it varies in abundance in different years, it is generally one of the first treasures of the young collector, and is prized accordingly. The variations it presents in different latitudes and the habits of its remark-