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Order: Lepidoptera  
Family: Nymphalidae

**Etymology:** The origin of the genus and species is currently unknown.

**Wing span:** - 2 – 2.25 inches (50 – 57 mm)

**Habitat:** The Common Leopard is a versatile species, able to sustain within a variety of different habitat types within their range.

**Host Plant:** The larvae are known to feed from a diverse group of plants. Some of the plant genera they are known to feed on include *Flacouria*, *Salix*, *Dovyalis*, *Populous*, and *Trimeria*.

**Adult Food Source:** Adults are known to feed from a variety of flowering plants as well as fermenting fruits.

**Life History:** Territorial males patrol their range looking for receptive females. After mating, the female hunts for host plants to lay her eggs on. After hatching, the larvae feed on the host plant until they are ready to pupate.

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

**Fun Facts:** Often when people think of migration they, think of Monarch Butterflies. There are several migratory species, including the Common Leopard. Some years when the conditions are right, they can be observed migrating in large numbers.

**Range:**

