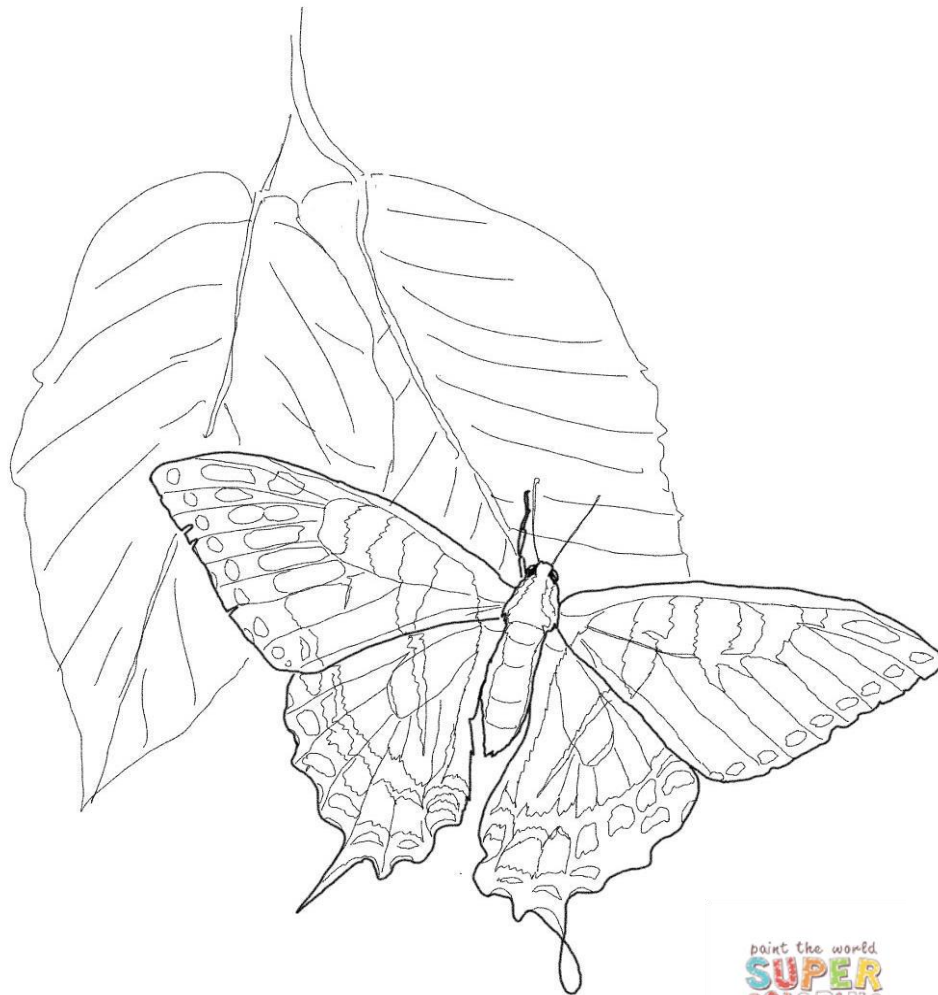


North Carolina State Butterfly: Eastern Tiger Swallowtail

In 2012 the North Carolina General Assembly adopted the Eastern Tiger Swallowtail as the official State Butterfly of North Carolina. The Eastern Tiger Swallowtail is native to North America and is considered the first North American butterfly to have been drawn. It was drawn by John White who was the Governor of the Roanoke Island Colony. Eastern Tiger Swallowtails have brightly colored yellow and black markings and females also have bright blue spots on the back of their wings. They can be found in the eastern United States from Vermont to Florida, and we often see them finding nectar on the flowers of trees and plants from woodlands to backyards. They are large butterflies, and their wingspan can be up to 5 ½ inches.



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