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PACHLIOPTA POLYDORUS BIOLOGY IN QUEENSLAND, AUSTRALIA (LEPIDOPTERA: PAPILIONIDAE)

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The colorful Pachliopta polydorus (Linnaeus) occurs from the Moluccas to the Solomons, with subspecies P. polydorus queenslandicus (Rothschild) in Australia. The photos below show larval development and adults. Larvae were reared in Cardwell (near Cairns and Townsville), Queensland. The hostplant is an Aristolochia (Aristolochiaceae) (according to Common and Waterhouse, 1972. Butterflies of Australia). Edwards et al. (1996. Checklist of the Lepidoptera of Australia) lump all genera related to Pachliopta under Atrophaneura. 3. Contribution No. 870, Section of Entomology, Division of Plant Industry, Florida Dept. of Agriculture & Consumer Services, Gainesville, FL. This is one of a series of papers based on photographs donated to the Association for Tropical Lepidoptera by D. Heidelberger.

Fig. 1-5. Photo sequence for P. polydorus queenslandicus: last instar larva, prepupal larva, then below, pupa, pre-eclosion pupa, and adult.