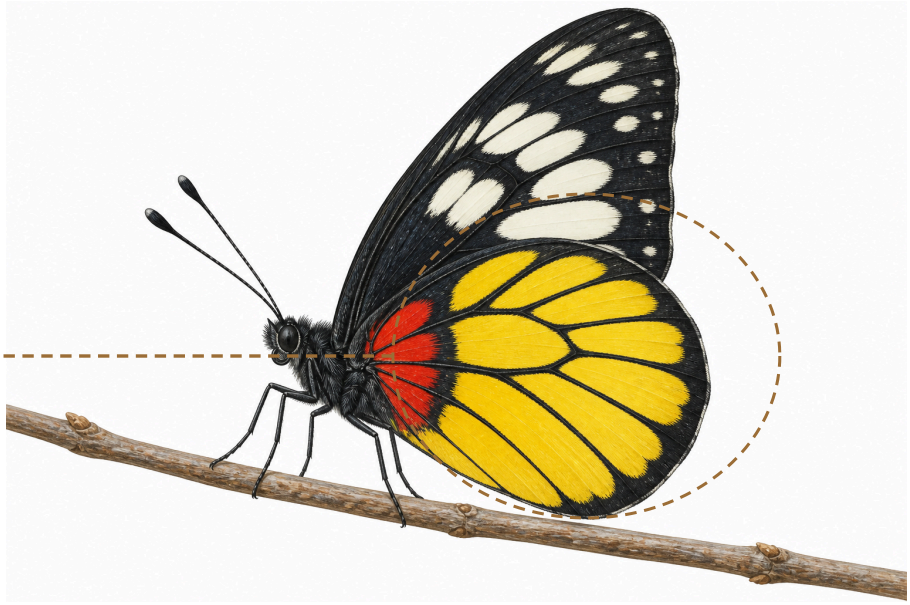
Red-base Jezebel

Discover

Colours on folded wings

The Red-base Jezebel, Delias pasithoe, is a pierid butterfly recorded as common in Shenzhen.
Classification: Insect · Pieridae · Delias

Start with the adult · body, antennae and folded wings



Whole-subject illustration; not to scale

Circled area → enlarged hindwing below.

Look closer · hindwing underside



Enlarged view of the circled part; not to scale

- Look for black, white, yellow and red
- Red lies near the hindwing base
- Upper and lower surfaces look different
- **Folded wings reveal the underside:** the hindwing has yellow and basal red areas; the upper side lacks that basal red mark.

Food changes with life stage

- Leaves → Caterpillar; nectar → Adult
- Not every kind of leaf is suitable
- Do not catch or touch any stage

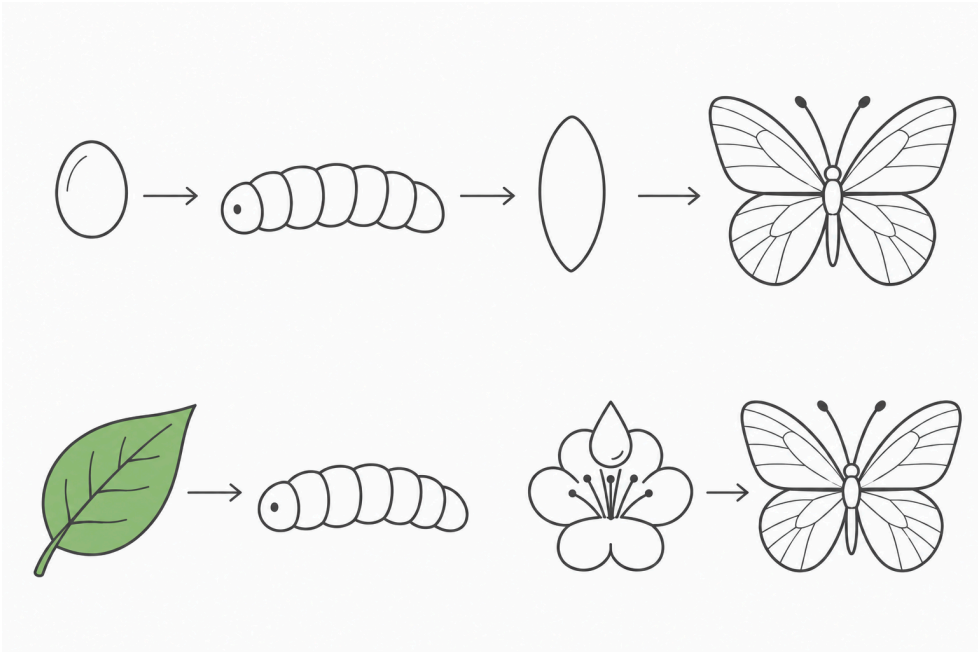
Different stages need different plants

- Adults visit flowers; larvae eat suitable host leaves
- Not every leaf is suitable for caterpillars
- Observe resting places and plants without catching

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Complete metamorphosis



Egg → Caterpillar → Pupa → Adult

- A caterpillar pupates; the adult later emerges
- Symbols do not show actual stage sizes or colours
- **Partly known:** Stage symbols are not actual sizes, colours or timing
- **Partly known:** Food examples, not a complete diet

Reproduction · another generation

Mating → **Eggs on a host** → **Hatching**

- A host is a suitable food plant for caterpillars
- No fixed egg count or hatching time
- **Partly known:** One simplified route, not every individual or detail

Presence on the trip is unconfirmed; unclear colour alone cannot identify the species.
Pictures do not replace field identification. Not found and unsure are valid records.
Sources: see the linked review notes.

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Observe

Choose 1–3 tasks. Point, say or draw; writing is optional.

1 · Look

When it rests, find one colour you can clearly see.



Teaching illustration. Compare with real subjects from a distance.

2 · Look

Are its wings folded like the picture or open?

3 · Record

Caterpillars eat leaves; adults drink nectar. Is the food the same?

4 · Write

Find “Caterpillar”. Say it; write if you wish.

Caterpillar

5 · Draw

Draw the wing outline and one colour patch you saw.

6 · Record

Wings: folded / open / unclear

Colour: ____

Seen / not found / unsure