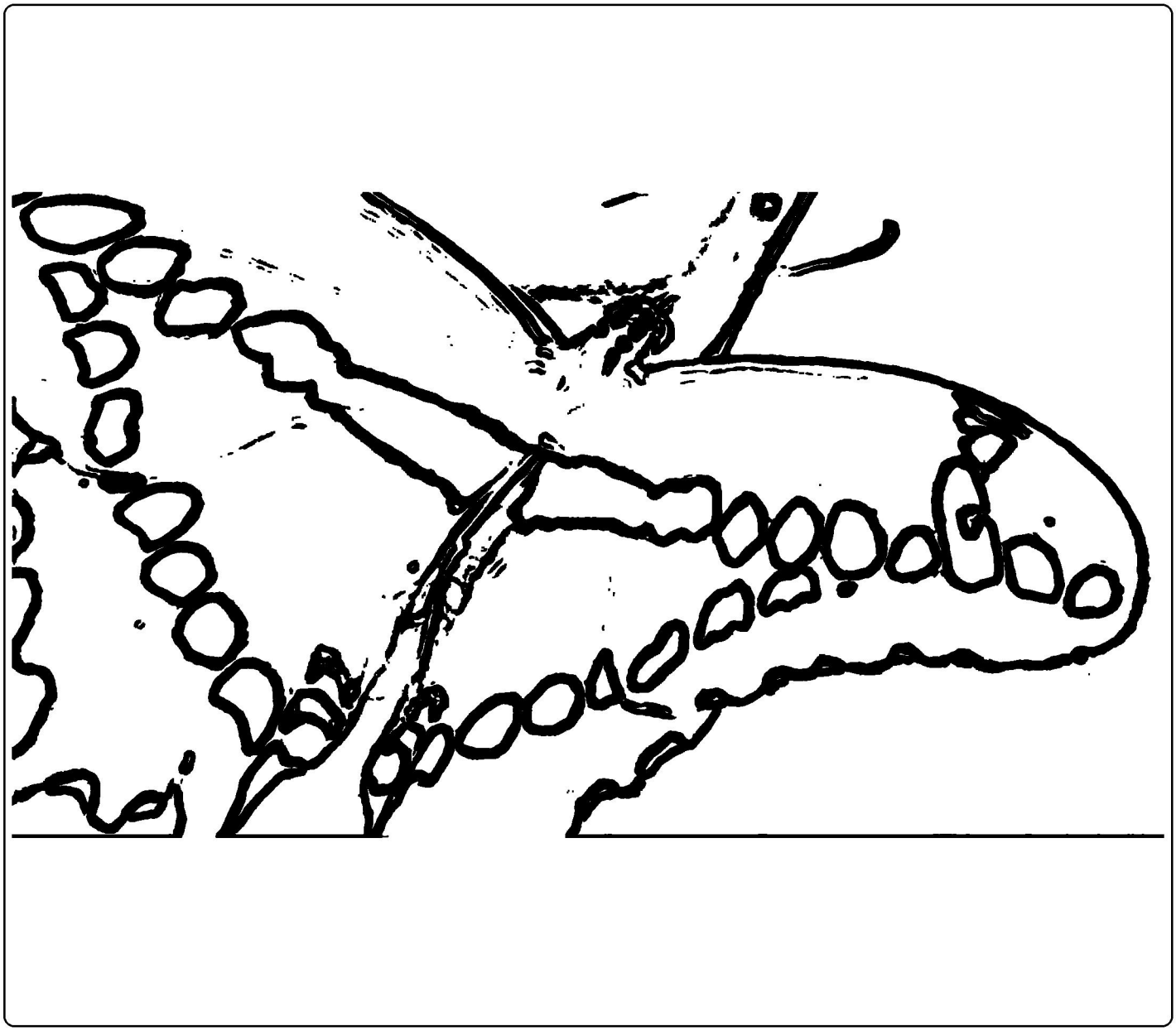
Color Your Own Giant Swallowtail!

The largest butterfly in North America — with a caterpillar that pretends to be bird poop!



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Meet the Giant Swallowtail!



1. **The giant swallowtail is the biggest butterfly in North America — its wings can stretch wider than your hand.**
2. **Its caterpillar looks exactly like a bird dropping, so birds leave it alone.**
3. **If a predator gets close, the caterpillar pops out a smelly orange “forked tongue” called an osmeterium. It smells like stinky socks and old pineapple!**
4. **Giant swallowtails lay their eggs on citrus trees and rue.**

In the garden

Host plants: rue and citrus trees. Favorite nectar: lantana and zinnias. Plant rue next to a citrus tree and watch for giants.