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## Danaus affinis malayanus



Male upperside



Male underside

### Fruhstorfer 1899 - The Malay Tiger

Koh Samui only.

This is the rarest species of the Orange Tigers to be found on Samui. It is only found near to large areas of Mangrove swamps, of which there is very little left on the Island. This species has only been seen in one small area of Mangrove by the International Airport, and also one even smaller area on the west coast on the Island, which is undergoing extensive development, and may not last much longer.

It can be mistaken for *Danaus melanippus*, but can be distinguished by the much reduced white markings on the hindwings, which also display some orange markings, the same colour as the forewing.

### Flight Period

Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
x								x	x	x	x

### Wingspan

60 - 70mm

### Early Stages

Partially known

### Larval Foodplant

, *Ischnostemma selangorica* (Asclepiadacea) - a very poisonous plant that grows in lowland Peninsular Malaya

### Range

Southern Peninsular Thailand and Westcoast Mainland Malaysia (Other subspecies on Nicobar Islands, The Indonesian Archipelago)



Female upperside



Female underside

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