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The Common Indian Crow

E. core godartii - Lucas 1853, E. core graminifera - Moore 1883

Koh Samui only.

It appears that there are two subspecies to be found here. This can be explained back to the time when there was a sea route from the Indian Ocean to the Gulf of Siam. Ssp. *E. c. godartii* was found to the north, *E. c. graminifera* to the south. Since this route dried up, the subspecies have converged. Intermediate forms are also to be found.

This is not an uncommon butterfly, and can be found in and around gardens and secondary growth. Ssp. *E.c. godartii* is the commoner of the two.

Flight Period

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

Wingspan

75 - 85mm

Early Stages

More detailed life history information is available from the following resources: S. Igarishi - Life Histories of Asian Butterflies, Volume.2 , Page 409.

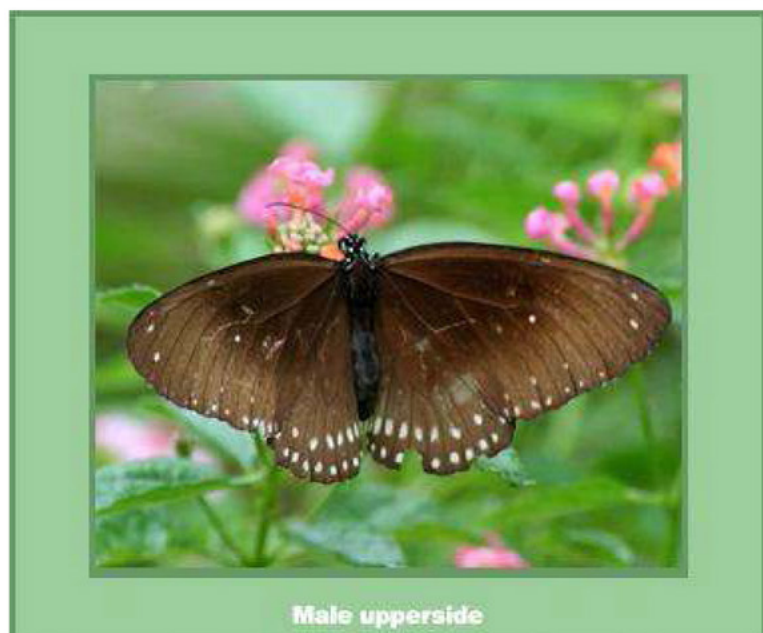


Larval Foodplant

A wide range of foodplants from many different plant families. Often a pest in gardens where it uses the Oleander (*Nerium oleander*).

Range

Sri Lanka, India, Indo-China to S-E China. Also, the Malay Peninsular, along the Archipelago to New Guinea, Australia and the Bismark Islands. However, it is strangely absent from Borneo and the Moluccas.



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