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Male upperside



Male underside

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Moore 1875 - The Common Sailor

Koh Samui and Koh Pha Ngan.

Sexes similar.

This is, by far, the commonest of the Sailors. In Europe, the members of this Genus are known as 'Gliders', which aptly describes its style of flight, a short burst of wing beats followed by a gliding action. The species can be found everywhere on the Islands except in deepest forest. It has the most orange of underside colouration of all the members of the genus.

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

40 - 50mm

Early Stages

Fully known. More detailed life history information is available from the following resource: [ButterflyCircle Blog](#) (courtesy of Dr. Horace Tan.)

Larval Foodplant

Broussonetia papyrifera (Moraceae), *Canavalia rosea*, *Crotalaria pallida*, *Desmodium gangeticum*, *Desmodium heterocarpon*, *Pueraria phaseoloides*, *Phyllodium longipes*, *Tedehagi triquetrum* (All Papilionaceae) and *Trema orientalis* (Ulmaceae).

Range

Peninsular Thailand and Malaysia, Sumatra. Many other subspecies from Sri Lanka to Japan and the Lesser Sunda Islands.