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Male upperside



Male underside

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Fabricius 1787 - The Malay Viscount

Koh Samui only.

Not commonly seen. This forest species can be identified by having two full rows of submarginal white spots on the forewing, like *T. palguna*, but the hindwing markings are not so extensive..

Flight Period

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

Wingspan

50 - 70mm

Early Stages

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

Larval Foodplant

Ardisia colorata (Myrsinaceae), *Melastoma malabathricum* (Melastomataceae)

Range

S. Burma, peninsular Thailand and Malay Peninsular. Other subspecies throughout Sundaland.