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## Euthalia monina monina



Male f. *decorata* upperside



Male f. *monina* upperside

### Fabricius 1787 - The Malay Baron

Koh Samui and Koh Pha Ngan.

A most unusual species in which the male is polymorphic. It is normally females which show this particular character. Strangely, this polymorphism appears to be limited to Neomalaya only, although the species is far more widespread. A third named form, *f. gardineri*, which is similar to *f. monina*, but the blue is replaced by brown, has yet to be found on the Island.

The butterfly is very common, and can be found in forests and forest edges.

### 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

### Wingspan

50 - 70mm

### Early Stages

Fully known. More detailed life history information is available from the following resources: S. Igarishi - Life Histories of Asian Butterflies, Volume.1 , Page 434.

### Larval Foodplant

In Thailand, *Mangifera pentandra* (Anacardiaceae). Elsewhere, *Clidemia hirta* (Melastomataceae), *Mallotus subpeltatus* and *Macaranga hullettii* (both Euphorbiaceae) have been recorded.

### Range

Peninsular Thailand and Malaysia. Other [subspecies](#) in the rest of Thailand and N. E. India, Indo-China, throughout Sundaland and the Lesser Sunda Islands.



Male upperside (intermediate form)



Male underside



Female upperside

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