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Lexias pardalis dirteana



Male upperside



Male underside

Corbet 1941 - The Common Archduke

Koh Samui and Koh Pha Ngan.

The two *Lexias* species found on Samui are impossible to tell apart on the wing. The most obvious difference is that this species has orange tips to its antennae, and the other has black tips. Both species show strong sexual dimorphism.

This is a common forest species, and can often be found, in season, feeding of fallen fruit.

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

65 - 90mm

Early Stages

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

Larval Foodplant

Cratoxylum cochinchinense (Guttiferae), *Hypericum monogynum* (Hypericaceae)

Range

Peninsular Thailand and the Malay Peninsular. Other [subspecies](#) in N. E. India, Burma, N. Thailand. Also China, Hainan, Indo-China, Sundaland and the Philippines.



Female upperside



Female underside

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