

SAMUI BUTTERFLIES

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Male underside



Female Underside

Eliot 1978 - Orange-Crowned Bluejohn.

The identity of this species remain uncertain, though the concensus is that it is *D. nolens*. Originally thought to be *D. livens evansi*, this was ruled out due to the orange tornal spots. Only a female has been collected here which also ruled out that species, as the upperside was entirely dark brown, with no trace of blue. This leaves either *D. nolens* or *D. nelvis*. The former is supposed to have the underside with a dirty buff colouring, with no red/purple wash. *D. nelvis*, however, has not been recorded from Thailand, and its female is still unknown. This problem will only be resolved when the upperside of a male is recorded.

This is a very rare species, found at the fringes of forests. Only two specimens have been seen on Samui.

The name English name for the genus, 'Bluejohn', relates to a blue semi-precious stone found in the Peak District in England.

Flight Period

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

26 - 28mm

Early Stages

Not known

Larval Foodplant

Not known

Range

Dependant on the eventual identity of the species, but it would be limited to the Malay Peninsular to varying degrees. .

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