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Moore 1882 -

This is a new record for Thailand, and photographs from Koh Pha Ngan have been identified as being this species. It is very similar on the underside to *H. chalconyx*, and the easiest way to differentiate the two is by the upperside, which is brown in *H. albimacula*, but dusted blue, basally, in *H. chalconyx*.

However, there is no collected specimen available for study, so its exact identity can not be ratified at the moment.

This is a species found in secondary vegetation and is considered very rare.

Flight Period

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

22 - 24mm

Early Stages

Detailed life history information is available from the following resources. S Igarishi - Life Histories of Asian Butterflies, Volume2, Page 582.

Larval Foodplant

In Taiwan, the species has been bred on *Glochodion philippicum* (Euphorbiaceae) and *Deutzia pulchra* (Saxifragaceae)

Range

As the subspecies found here is not known, it could be either *H. a. viola*, which is found in Myanmar and Laos, or the southern ssp. *H. a. albistigmata* which can be found in Malaysia. Koh Samui's location would suggest the latter, but it remains a matter of conjecture until a collected specimen is obtained.