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Corbet 1941- No common name

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

Fortunately for this site's owner, a specimen, unknown to him, had flown into his house, and was only found the next day, already dead. Accordingly, the specimen was set, and the blue basal scales were obvious.

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

20 mm

Early Stages

Not known

Larval Foodplant

Not known

Range

Koh Samui, Peninsular Malaysia and Singapore. Other subspecies found further down the Indonesian archipelago and Borneo.