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Male upperside



Male underside

White 1842 - The Common Batwing

Koh Samui only.

This species is confined to forests and their margins. Whilst seen throughout the year, it can, in no way be described as common. Usually, only single specimens will be seen flying through the trees, and rarely settling. It can easily be identified by its red thorax (body), and that there are no markings on the hindwing unlike all other red bodied species found on the Island.

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

80 - 95mm

Early Stages

Known. More detailed life history information is available from the following resources: S. Igarishi - Life Histories of Asian Butterflies, Volume.1 , Page 258.

Larval Foodplant

Aristolochia species

Range

Peninsular Thailand and the Malay Peninsular (now extinct from Singapore). Other [subspecies](#) from Sikkim to Indo-China including Thailand outside the Peninsular.

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