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Male upperside



Male underside

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Fabricius 1787 - The Banded Peacock

Koh Samui only.

A true gem. The bright colours of this species have made it popular for Butterfly 'Art'. Fortunately, in Thailand, this species has full protection.

This species has a rapid flight, and usually all one sees is a flash of green as it flies past. However, owing to the refractive nature of the scales, the colour of the wings can vary from almost yellow to turquoise blue, depending on your angle of view.

This is not an uncommon butterfly here and can regularly be seen flying along forest rides and streams.

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 - 90mm

Early Stages

Fully known. More detailed life history information is available from the following resources: S. Igarishi - Life Histories of Asian Butterflies, Volume.2 , Page340

Larval Foodplant

Micromelium minutum (Rutaceae), and possibly *Euodia* sp.

Range

Burma, Thailand and Peninsular Malaysia (Other subspecies in Neomalaya, Palawan and the Philippines)