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Upperside



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Fruhstorfer 1902 - The Spotted Zebra

Koh Samui only.

A very rare species on Samui. I have only seen this species once. It is like a small *Paranticopsis macareus*, but whereas *P. macareus* has a single row of submarginal spots on the upperside hindwing, this species has two rows.

This species is thought to have two broods a year. However, both broods are in the Spring (Feb-March and March-April), as the larva will only feed on the current year's young shoots of its hostplant.

This is a forest species.

Flight Period

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

55 - 70mm

Early Stages

Fully known. More detailed life history information is available from the following resource: S. Igarishi - Life Histories of Asian Butterflies, Volume.2 , Page 344.

Larval Foodplant

Orophea hirsuta (Annonaceae)

Range

Burma and Indo-China to Neomalaya.