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Male Upperside



Male underside

Fruhstorfer 1899 - The Orange Gull

Koh Samui only.

An unmistakable butterfly, as the lower half of the hindwing, upperside, is bright orange, with the rest white.

This is not a common butterfly on Samui, which is usually found in secondary vegetation near the edges of forest, and by the sunny edges of streams and rivers inside the forest.

Flight Period

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

Wingspan

45 - 55mm

Early Stages

Not fully known.

Larval Foodplant

Capparis sp (Capparidaceae)

Range

S. Burma through the Malay Peninsular to Sundaland. Another subspecies is found on Mainland Thailand. It is probable that the species known as *Cepora aspasia*, from the Indonesian Archipelago to New Guinea is a synonym (same species, different name!) of *C. iudith*.



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