

SAMUI BUTTERFLIES

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Male underside



Female underside

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Fruhstorfer 1910 - The Chocolate Albatross

Koh Samui only.

A very pretty butterfly. This species is known as a regular migrant, but, it is unclear whether the status of the species on Samui is as a migrant or resident. The flight period shown above, based on my personal sightings, suggests the latter, but I have not seen any of the early stages here, yet.

Not an uncommon species, regularly seen by roadside seepages and by streams, often in some numbers. It is a butterfly that is to be found at the edges of forests and secondary vegetation. The rarer female tends to keep to forested areas.

Flight Period

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

Wingspan

45 - 55mm

Early Stages

Known. Full detailed life history information is available from the following resources: S. Igarishi - Life Histories of Asian Butterflies, Volume.1 , Page 293.

Larval Foodplant

Various species of Capparidaceae and *Gynotroches axillaris* (Rhizophoraceae)

Range

Sri Lanka, India and Burma through the Malay Peninsular. Other [subspecies](#) throughout the Oriental Region.