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Moore 1905 - The Lesser Albatross

Koh Samui only.

This species is very similar to a female form of *Appias albina albina*. It is also appears to be very much rarer on Samui, but the difficulty in distinguishing the two species on the wing, could mean that it is commoner than I believe.

Flight Period

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

50 - 60mm

Early Stages

Only partially known. More detailed life history information is available from the following resources: S. Igarishi - Life Histories of Asian Butterflies, Volume.2 , Page 392.

Larval Foodplant

Not known but probably species of Capparidaceae.

Range

Sri Lanka and India through to New Guinea and Australia.