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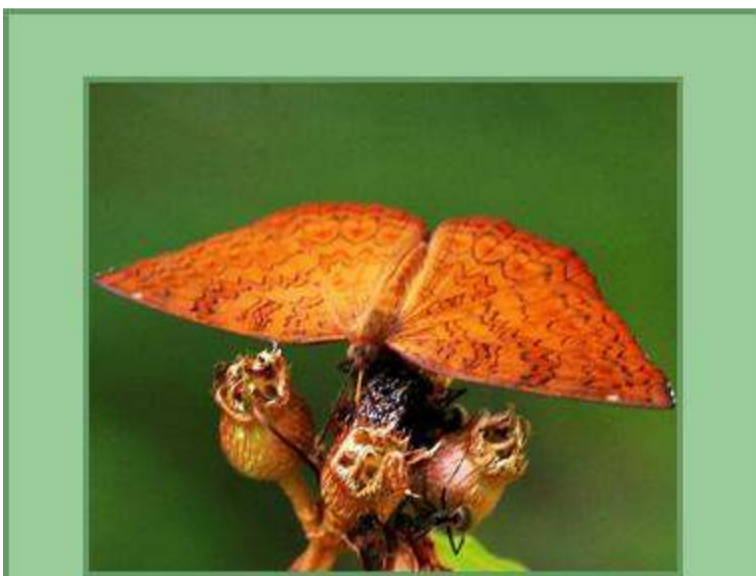
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## Ariadne merione ginosa



Male upperside



Male underside

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### Fruhstorfer 1912 - The Common Castor

Koh Samui only.

Uncommon butterfly of the forests and forest edges. It can be distinguished from *Ariadne isaeus* by the white spot on the forewing, and from *Ariadne ariadne* by the two black lines just past the cell on both fore and hind wings.

### Flight Period

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

### Wingspan

38 - 45mm

### Early Stages

Fully known. More detailed life history information is available from the following resources: S. Igarishi - Life Histories of Asian Butterflies, Volume.1 , Page 377.

### Larval Foodplant

*Ricinus communis* (Euphorbiaceae) - Castor-Oil Plant

### Range

Peninsular Thailand, Malay Peninsular and Sumatra. Other subspecies in Sri Lanka, India, Thailand (not Peninsular) through Indo-China to S. China, Borneo, Java, Philippines and Sulawesi.