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Male upperside



Male underside

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Drury 1773 - The Common Nawab

Koh Samui only. Its absence from Koh Pha Ngan is rather surprising.

Sexes similar.

A beautiful species which can be found anywhere on the Island except in densest forest, though it will be found around forest waterfalls. A strong and rapid flyer, it loves to suck up minerals from roadside seepages.

Flight Period

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

Wingspan

45 - 65mm

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 453.

Larval Foodplant

Many species of Mimosaceae.

Range

Sri Lanka to S. China, Thailand and peninsular Malaysia. Other subspecies from Sundaland, Lesser Sunda Islands and the Philippines.