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Male upperside



Male underside

Cramer 1777 - The White Tiger

Koh Samui and Koh Pha Ngan.

A common species which is similar to *Danaus genutia*, but can be distinguished by the white hindwings. Because of the black veins, the scent scales found on the males are less obvious on the upperside hindwing than with other species, but still noticeable on the underside.

This can be found throughout the Islands except in forests.

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

60 - 75mm

Early Stages

Known, but not pictured.

Larval Foodplant

Various Asclepiadaceae

Range

India, tropical Asia as far east as Sulawesi.



Female upperside



Female underside

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