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## Parantica melaneus



Male upperside



Underside

### Cramer 1775 - The Chocolate Tiger

Koh Samui only.

A rare species here, which I have only seen on two occasions on the Island, although it is considered common elsewhere. It is primarily a forest butterfly.

It used to be considered that the local members of this genus were a separate subspecies, *P. melaneus planiston*, but this, and all other subspecies have now been synonymised with the nominate form, leaving no subspecies.

### Flight Period

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

### Wingspan

75 - 85mm

### Early Stages

Not fully known

### Larval Foodplant

*Tylophora indica* (Asclepidaceae)

### Range

India, Burma, Indo-China, China and the Malay Peninsular

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