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Acraea violae



Male upperside



Male underside

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Fabricius 1793 - The Tawny Coaster

Koh Samui and Koh Pha Ngan.

This common species was only first discovered in Thailand in 1980, since when it has spread like wildfire throughout the country and has now spread as far south as Singapore. This is because its foodplants are very common themselves.

It can be found in scrub wasteland throughout the Island and will also visit nearby gardens to feed on Lantana flowers.

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 - 50mm

Early Stages

Fully known. More detailed life history information is available from the following resource: [ButterflyCircle Blog](#) (courtesy of Dr. Horace Tan.)

Larval Foodplant

Passiflora foetida (Passifloraceae)

Range

Nepal to Laos, Thailand and Malaysia.