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Vindula erota erota



Male underside

Fabricius 1793 - The Common Cruiser

Koh Samui and Koh Pha Ngan.

A large and common butterfly which shows extreme sexual dimorphism. It can be encountered almost anywhere on the Island. The male loves to puddle from roadside seepages, and enjoys drinking human sweat (it is not uncommon to have this species land on your skin or clothing).

The females tend to keep more to the canopy of woodland and are less often encountered than the male.

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

70 - 90mm

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 386.

Larval Foodplant

Adenia pierriei (Passifloraceae)

Range

N. India, Burma, Thailand and Kedawi (far N. Malaysia). Other [subspecies](#) throughout Sundaland and Sulawesi.



Female upperside



Female underside

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