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Male upperside



Female *f. subrata*

Moore 1858 - Colour Sergeant

Koh Samui and Koh Pha Ngan.

Not a common species. This has been found at all altitudes on the Island, but most frequently at higher elevations. It is most likely to be encountered at the edge of forests and near orchards. The female is dimorphic, having two named forms, the brighter *f. subrata* and the paler (commoner) *f. neftina*

Flight Period

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

Wingspan

40 - 60mm

Early Stages

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

Larval Foodplant

Adenantha pavonia (Papilionaceae), *Glochidon eriocarpum* and *Glochidon rubrum* (both Euphorbiaceae), *Mussaenda flava*, *Mussaenda kerrii*, *Mussaenda philippica* and *Mussaenda sanderiana* (all Rubiaceae)

Range

Peninsular Thailand and the Malay Peninsular. Other [subspecies](#) from India to South China, Sumatra, Borneo, Java and islands off the west coast of Sumatra.



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