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## Parthenos sylvia lilacinus



Male upperside



Male underside

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### Butler 1876 - The Clipper

Koh Samui and Koh Pha Ngan.

A beautiful, and unmistakable species in which the female is considerably larger than the male, otherwise the sexes are similar. This is a remarkable species in that the various subspecies have completely different base colouration from our lilac subspecies (orange, green, blue, yellow, brown etc.).

It can be found in forest glades and edges of woodland.

### 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

48 - 75mm

### Early Stages

Fully known. More detailed life history information is available from the following resources: S. Igarishi - Life Histories of Asian Butterflies, Volume.2 , Page 475.

### Larval Foodplant

*Melothria heterophylla* (Cucurbitaceae) and *Tinaspora cordifolia* (Menispermaceae)

### Range

Peninsular Thailand and Malaysia. Other subspecies from Sri Lanka to China, Philippines to the Bismarcks.