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## *Purlisa gigantea gigantea*



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### Distant 1881 - Giant Imperial

This magnificent species is the largest of the Theclini to be found in Thailand. It is considered primarily a montane species, and, in deed, on Samui, it is only to be found on the hilltops around 500m.

It is a very rare species, but its size and glorious shining blue upperside makes it immediately identifiable.

### Flight Period

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

### Wingspan

40 - 48mm

### Early Stages

Unknown

### Larval Foodplant

Unknown

### Range

Peninsular Thailand and Malaysia