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Male upperside



Male Underside

Hubner 1819 - The Danaid Eggfly

Koh Samui and Koh Pha Ngan.

A surprisingly rare species on the Islands. The species shows remarkable sexual dimorphism. The females are superb mimics of the Danaid, *Danaus chrysippus*. The males can be separated from the similar *H. bolina*, by the presence of a black costal spot on the hindwing underside.

This species can be found around secondary vegetation.

Flight Period

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

Wingspan

50 - 65mm

Early Stages

Known, but not pictured.

Larval Foodplant

Hibiscus rosa-sinensis (Malvaceae) and *Portulaca oleracea* (Portulacaceae)

Range

This species is found throughout the tropical regions of the world, having been introduced to the Americas, apparently, in old slave ships.



Female Upperside



Female Underside

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