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Male upperside



Male underside

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Linnaeus 1763 - The Gray Pansy

Koh Samui and Koh Pha Ngan.

The sexes are identical.

This is a common species of secondary growth and scrubland. It is an occasional visitor to gardens to feed on Lantana flowers.

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

40 - 60mm

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 396.

Larval Foodplant

Alternanthera philoxeroides (Amaranthaceae), *Hygrophila erecta*, *Ruellia tuberosa*, *Ruellia graecizans*, *Hemigraphis schomburgkii* (All Acanthaceae) and *Pluchea indica* (Compositae)

Range

Sri Lana and India to China and Sundaland. Other subspecies in Lesser Sunda Islands and Sulawesi.