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Male upperside



Male underside

Distant 1883 - The Blue Pansy

A common species found in scrubland and regularly visits gardens.

The iridescent blue on the upper hindwing makes this species unmistakable. Unlike all other member of this genus on Samui, the female differs considerably from the male. Elsewhere within this subspecies range, there is a female form with the blue replaced by brown.

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 - 55mm

Early Stages

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

Larval Foodplant

Antirrhinum majus, *Striga asiatica* (both Scrophulariaceae) and *Phyla nodiflora* (Verbenaceae)

Range

Peninsular Thailand and Malaysia. Other subspecies from Sri Lanka and India to China and Australia. Also found throughout Africa.



Female upperside (blue form)



Female upperside (brown form)

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