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Doleschallia bisaltide



Male f. pratipa upperside



Female f. pratipa upperside

D. b. pratipa C & R Felder 1860

D. b. ssp. - The Autumn Leaf

Koh Samui and Koh Pha Ngan.

There appears to be two different subspecies on the Islands. The common form is *D. b. pratipa*, which can be found anytime of the year all over the Island.

The much rarer subspecies differs in that it has white subapical spots on the forewing. The larva is also different, having red spots. This subspecies is only found in cultivated areas, particularly gardens and nurseries. I believe that they are brought here by the gardening trade. Which subspecies it is, is still not determined.

As can be seen from the photos to the left, the undersides of both sexes are extremely variable.

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

50 - 65mm

Early Stages



Final instar larva

Pupa



Final instar larva



Male ssp. upperside



Underside form 1



Underside form 2



Underside form 3

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Fully known. More detailed life history information is available from the following resources: S. Igarishi - Life Histories of Asian Butterflies, Volume.1 , Page 404.

Larval Foodplant

Artocarpus heterophyllus (Moraceae), *Girardinia heterophylla* (Urticaceae), *Strobilanthus dyeriana* and *Ruellia graecizans* (both Acanthaceae)

Range

Ssp. *D. b. pratipa*, Peninsular Thailand and Malaysia. Ssp *D. b. ssp?* - unknown. Other [subspecies](#) widely distributed throughout tropical Asia, from Sri Lanka and India to Australia and the Bismarcks.