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Male upperside



Male underside

C & R Felder 1865 - The Common Birdwing

Koh Samui and Koh Pha Ngan.

A very well known species, and much the commoner of the two Birdwing butterflies found on the Islands.

This is a species much in demand for Butterfly 'Art', and has been given total protection by the Thai Government. Whilst primarily a forest species, this species can be found visiting gardens where it likes to feed on *Ixora* 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

100 - 140mm

Early Stages



Final instar larva

Pupa

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

Larval Foodplant

Aristolochia tagala (Dutch Man's Pipe)

Range

North India, Thailand, Peninsular Malaysia and Indo-China. Further subspecies found in S. China, Sundaland, Lesser Sunda Islands and Sulawesi.



Female upperside



Female underside

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