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Pachliopta aristolochiae asteris



Male upperside



Male underside

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Rothschild 1908 - The Common Rose

Koh Samui and Koh Pha Ngan.

A well-known and relatively common species, recognised by its red body and circular red spots on the hind wing underside. It can be found almost anywhere on the Island, from forests to urban gardens. Its relative abundance can be put down to the fact that it is able to feed on a wide variety of *Aristolochia* vines, meaning that should one species die down during the dry season, there is always another species it can feed on.

This species can be mistaken for the very rare and seasonal *Atrophaneura adamsoni takakoe*, but the latter hind wing spots are less regular in shape, and turn white as they move away from the tail.

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

65 - 85mm

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 248.

Larval Foodplant

Aristolochia species

Range

Burma, Peninsular Thailand and Malaya. (Other subspecies can be found from Sri Lanka, India, Indo-China including northern Thailand to Central China, the Riu Kiu Islands, the Philippines and Lesser Sunda Islands)