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Moore 1879 - The Siamese Raven

Koh Samui only.

This species was, at one time, considered as a separate species, *Papilio mahadava*, but recently, more and more experts have considered it purely a subspecies of *Papilio castor*. I have only ever come across this species once on Samui. It is more often to be seen on the western coast of the peninsular.

This is one of the tail-less Swallowtails.

This appears to be a butterfly of the lowland evergreen forests and forest edges, not found above approx. 500m..

Flight Period

Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
x	x	x	x								x

Wingspan

75 - 85mm

Early Stages

Not fully known.

Larval Foodplant

Glycosmis pentaphylla and *Glycosmis citrifolia* (Rutaceae)

Range

Very restricted, from South Burma, though Thailand to Northern Malaysia.