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Linnaeus 1758 - The Common Bluebottle

Koh Samui and Koh Pha Ngan.

A common, and very well known species, which can easily be recognised by the blue/green band running down the centre of both wings, on upper and underside.

This is a very rapid flyer, but can be seen patrolling paths and streams on the edge of forests, and also drinking up salts from damp ground (puddling), often in large numbers. These puddling butterflies will all be males. Females very rarely puddle, and in this species, are considerably rarer than the male.

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

60 - 70mm

Early Stages

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

Larval Foodplant

Various species of *Lauraceae*

Range

S. China, Indo-China, Thailand, Malaysia, Singapore and Borneo (other subspecies can be found from Sri Lanka to Japan. Also along the Indonesian Archipelago as far East as the Solomon Islands)