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Male underside



Male upperside

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Butler 1885 - The Fivebar Swallowtail

Koh Samui and Koh Pha Ngan.

One of two species of 'Swordtails' found on Samui, and by far the commoner. This is primarily a forest species and can be found flying close to rivers and streams.

When resting, with its wings closed, it can not be mistaken for any other species, with its green colouring. However, in flight, its rapid wing movements make it easily mistaken for a Pierid butterfly. The males of this species love to puddle, and at times, large numbers can be found congregated around a single damp patch.

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

55 - 70mm

Early Stages

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

Larval Foodplant

Annona lawii (Annonaceae)

Range

Peninsular Thailand and Malaysia. (Other subspecies from Sri Lanka, India to South China, Sundaland and the Lesser Sunda Islands)