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Male upperside



Male underside

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Fabricius 1787 - The White Dragontail

Koh Samui only.

One of two very similar butterflies, the sole members of the Genus, the other of which, *Lamproptera meges* (The Green Dragontail), has not yet been found on Samui, but can be seen close by on the mainland, and should be looked for here. It is generally considered that this is much the rarer of the two. They are small butterflies for this family, and can usually be found near running water, often puddling on the sandy shores of riverbanks. Unlike most 'puddlers' the Dragontail prefers to puddle away from other butterflies.

In flight, this species looks nothing like a butterfly, and can be mistaken for a dragonfly, or some other insect.

This species can be distinguished from the other by the white bands on the fore and hindwings, and in the male, there are adroconial scales in the anal pouch of the male hindwing upperside, which are absent with *Lamproptera meges*.

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

25 - 37mm

Early Stages

More detailed life history information is available from the following resource: S. Igarishi - Life Histories of Asian Butterflies, Volume.2 , Page 355.

Larval Foodplant

Illigera sp. (Hernandiaceae)

Range

Assam and China to Sundaland