

SAMUI BUTTERFLIES

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Male underside



Female upperside

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Wallace 1867 - The Red-base Jezebel

Koh samui and Koh Pha Ngan.

This species is rarely met here. It is known to have migratory tendencies, and that the fact that on the only two occasions I have seen this species, it has been just after strong winds from the mainland have buffeted the Island, leads one to suspect that it is not resident on these islands..

The larvae of this species is considered a pest in Sandalwood plantations where-ever its range meets that of that plant.

Flight Period

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

Wingspan

65 - 75mm

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 297.

Larval Foodplant

In Thailand, the only record is a species of *Rutaceae*. However, elsewhere, numerous foodplants are used, *Dendrotrophe* and *Santalum* sp (*Santalaceae*) - the Sandalwoods, members of *Loranthaceae*, *Budlejaceae*, *Rubiceae* and *Theaceae*.

Range

The subspecies found on Samui ranges from Peninsular Thailand down to Singapore. Other [subspecies](#) are found in Nepal, NE India, Burma, Nicobar Islands, N Thailand. Also Java, Indo-China, S. China and Taiwan, Sabah, Palawan and Luzon (Philippines)