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Linnaeus 1758 - Common Evening Brown

Koh Samui and Koh Pha Ngan.

Not uncommon species with an enormous variety of underside patterns.

In common with several genera in this family, it is primarily active only at dusk and dawn, unless it is disturbed during resting in the undergrowth. It can generally be found in secondary and primary woodland/forest.

Flight Period

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

Wingspan

50 - 60mm

Early Stages

Partially known.

Larval Foodplant

Apluda mutica, *Bambusa* spp. & *Oryza sativa* (all Gramineae)

Range

Huge. Found throughout the Oriental region to Australia. Other subspecies are to be found in tropical Africa and the Islands of the Indian Ocean.



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