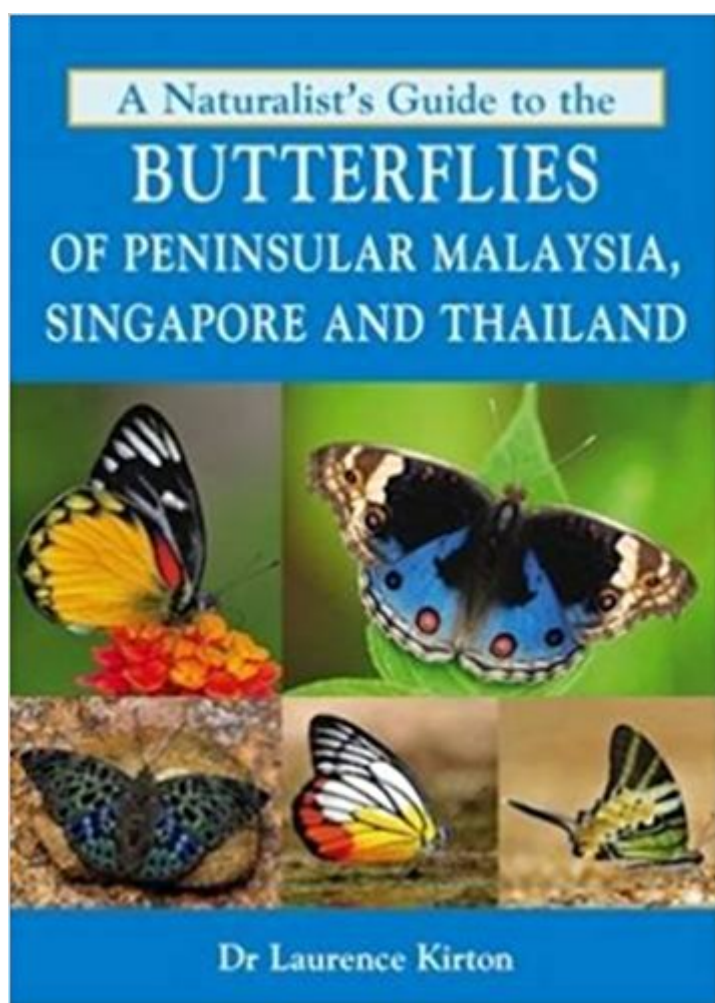


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A Naturalist's Guide To The Butterflies Of Peninsular Malaysia, Singapore & Thailand (Naturalists' Guides)



Synopsis

This easy-to-use identification guide to the 280 butterfly species most commonly seen in Peninsular Malaysia, Singapore and Thailand is perfect for resident and visitor alike. High quality photographs from the area's top nature photographers are accompanied by detailed species descriptions which include nomenclature, size, distribution, habits and habitat. The user-friendly introduction covers geography and climate, vegetation, opportunities for naturalists and the main sites for viewing the listed species. Also included is an all-important checklist of all of the butterflies of the region encompassing, for each species, its common and scientific name, IUCN status as at 2011 and its status in each country.

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Customer Reviews

Dr Laurence Kirton is an entomologist by profession and Head of the Biodiversity and Conservation of Fauna Programme in the Forest Research Institute Malaysia. His interest in butterflies began in his childhood and has continued into his professional career as a researcher. He holds a PhD in entomology from Imperial College of Science Technology and Medicine, London, and has authored several papers on Malaysian butterflies.

This attractive and inexpensive book serves as an admirable introduction to the huge butterfly fauna of SE Asia. It includes pretty much everything we expect nowadays and that says a lot. There is a well written introduction that discusses the region and its habitats, climate and seasonality, as well

as butterfly anatomy, distribution, and behavior. There are stunning photos from many excellent photographers, lists of print and Internet references including clubs and tourism agencies, suggestions of where to find butterflies in several countries, and a current classification to the generic level. I wanted it to be ten times thicker but I can't fault the author for writing a book that sells instead of sitting on the bookstore shelf.

The authors have done an exceptional job in the production of this handily sized field guide. There are hundreds of species of butterflies in Thailand, but the ones illustrated and described in this book were so thoughtfully chosen, you can almost always ascribe your sightings to a family and then explore on the internet to get down to species and sub-species. Kudos and bravo!

On my friend's wishlist so a perfect Christmas gift (and yes I buy Christmas gifts super early).

Bought for my wife and she loves it.

Very useful.

Book Review: A Naturalist's Guide to the Butterflies of Thailand and Southeast Asia by Dr Laurence G. Kirton This spectacular small paperback of 176 pages provides an easy to use photographic identification guide to 280 butterfly species occurring within Thailand Malaysia and Singapore and other areas of south-east Asia. Another 190 species and subspecies are referred to (listed). For each illustrated species, there is a brief authoritative text which described the identifying features, distribution, subspecies as well as general habits and habitats. The photographs are really beautiful and are all top class in terms of contrast, sharpness and exposure. The book includes towards the rear, a complete classification at the generic level, of the butterfly genera of Thailand. Some of the photographs show butterflies feeding such as on flowers, e.g. the Common Yellow Jezebel (*Delias baracasa*) on Lantana camara flowers, butterflies mud-puddling, e.g. the Red Helen (*Papilio helenus*) and the Great Mormon (*Papilio memnon*) as well as feeding on bird dung (Common Palmfly- *Elymnias hypermnestra*). This book was most useful on a recent trip to Thailand where I identified 37 species from the book out of a total of about 40 species which I photographed or took notes on. There is a one page bibliography and an index at the end of the book. I would have liked more information on biology and habits. However, this production is highly recommended and should easily compliment other more scientific books on the Thailand, Malaysian and Singaporean

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