

Common jester, *Symbrenthia hippoclus* at Admiralty Park

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Subject: Common jester, *Symbrenthia hippoclus* (Insecta: Lepidoptera: Papilionoidea: Nymphalidae).

Subject identified by: Seow Tek Lin & Gan Cheong Weei.

Location, date and time: Singapore Island, Woodlands, Admiralty Park; 1 July 2018, 1006 hrs.

Habitat: Secondary forest/mangrove, along mangrove boardwalk.

Observers: Gan Cheong Weei & Teo Kah Ming.

Observation: One specimen was observed feeding on the flower of a *Leea indica* shrub over 3 m in height (INATURALIST.ORG, 2018b; Fig. 1 & 2).

Remarks: None of the species of *Symbrenthia* can be described as common in Peninsular Malaysia and none was known to occur in Singapore (Corbet; 1992) until 2012 where a few specimens of the common jester were photographed in the western part of Singapore (Khew, 2015 as *Symbrenthia hippoclus selangorana*). Since then, apparently no sightings were reported in the country until one was photographed at the Hindhede Nature Park on 9 May 2018 (INATURALIST.ORG, 2018a). The present and latest record is at a new location at the northern part of Singapore Island.

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Fig 1. Dorsal view of *Symbrenthia hippoclus*.



Fig. 2. Same individual with wings partially folded.

Photographs by Gan Cheong Weei