

# MILITARY TIGER MOTH

*Dysphania militaris*

Linnaeus, 1758



## CLASSIFICATION

**Class:** Insecta

**Order:** Lepidoptera

**Family:** Geometridae

2 subspecies recognized



NOT LISTED

VERY RARE



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**Identification:** Fairly big moth reaching a wingspan of up to 7 cm, usually less. Body entirely bright yellow with black edge on each abdomen segment. Wings mostly bright yellow with dark spots. Forewing tips are black with bluish-white spots.

**Range:** The species occurs in South-East Asia, from eastern India to South China, south to Malaysia, Borneo and greater Sundas.

**Habitat :** Found in woodlands, tropical forests and grasslands.

**Behavior:** Its bright coloration and diurnal activity pattern is the reason that this species is often mistaken for a true butterfly. Feeds on nectar.

**Status in the wild:** The status of this species hasn't been assessed but it seems to be numerous in its wide range.

**In captivity:** This species is very rarely displayed in public collections around the world. It's known from one or two butterfly houses in Asia and possibly from private collections, although this might be a very rare occurrence. Bred in private collections.