

Asota plana

Asota plana is a moth in the family Erebidae. It is found from the Oriental tropics east to New Guinea



Female

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Description

The wingspan is about 56 mm. Forewings have a large white patch filling the lower half of cell and the whole area below except inner margin and extending to near outer margin. Its upper edge has two dentitions, its outer edge is irregular and a large white spot at upper angle of cell. Hindwings with the narrow marginal band. There is an extra spot towards anal angle.^[1] Larva had large head with sparsely distributed hairs on body with dark purplish brown ground color. The thoracic somites are pale red and there is a narrow transverse yellow band on fourth to terminal somites.^[2]

Ecology

Larvae have been recorded on *Ficus* species, where they rest on the underside of the leaf.^[3]

Subspecies

- Asota plana albifera* (India, Indonesia, Japan, Malaysia, Micronesia, Papua New Guinea, Philippines, Sikkim, Singapore, āiwan)
- Asota plana centralis* (Andaman islands, Indonesia, Philippines, Taiwan)
- Asota plana cincta* (Indonesia)
- Asota plana commixta* (Indonesia)
- Asota plana fergussonis* (Papua New Guinea)
- Asota plana intermedia* (Indonesia)
- Asota plana lacteata* (Taiwan)
- Asota plana persecta* (Indonesia)
- Asota plana plana* (China, East Timor, India, Indonesia, Japan, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, Nepal, Sikkim, Sri Lanka, Thailand, northern Vietnam)
- Asota plana transiens* (Enggano)

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From Japan

Scientific classification

Kingdom:	Animalia
Phylum:	Arthropoda
Class:	Insecta
Order:	Lepidoptera
Family:	Erebidae
Genus:	<i>Asota</i>
Species:	<i>A. plana</i>

Binomial name

Asota plana

Walker, 1854

Synonyms

- Hypsa persecta* Butler, 1875
- Aganais albifera* Felder, 1874
- Asota plana* f. *confluens* Strand, 1915
- Asota centralis* Rothschild, 1897
- Asota cincta* Rothschild, 1897
- Asota complana* Walker, 1875
- Asota commixta* Rothschild, 1897
- Asota fergussonis* Rothschild, 1897



Caterpillars of *Asota plana* from Thiruvananthapuram, India

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External links

- [plana plana info](#)
- [The Snouted Tigers \(Lepidoptera: Erebidae, Aganainae\) of Papua Indonesia](#)
- [Asota Plana Caterpillar](#)

- *Asota intermedia* Rothschild, 1897
- *Hypsa lacteata* Butler, 1881
- *Asota ternatensis* Rothschild, 1897
- *Asota transiens* Rothschild, 1897



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