THE SEASONALITY OF BUTTERFLIES IN A SEMI-EVERGREEN FOREST:



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GIBBON WILDLIFE SANCTUARY, ASSAM, NORTHEASTERN INDIA

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Abstract: A study spanning 3.7 years on the butterflies of Gibbon Wildlife Sanctuary GWS (21km²), a semi-evergreen forest, in Jorhat District of Assam, northeastern India revealed 211 species of butterflies belonging to 115 genera including 19 papilionids and seven 'rare' and 'very rare' species as per Evans list of the Indian sub-continent (Great Blue Mime *Papilio paradoxa telearchus*; Brown Forest BobScobura woolletti; Snowy Angle Darpa pteria dealbatahas; Constable Dichorragia nesimachus; Grey Baron Euthalia anosia anosia; Sylhet Oakblue Arhopala silhetensis; Branded Yamfly Yasoda tripunctata). The butterflies showed a strong seasonality pattern in this forest with only one significant peak during the post monsoon (September-October) when 118 species were in flight inside the forest which slowly declined to 92 species in November-December. Another peak (102 species) was visible after winter from March to April. Species composition showed least similarity between pre-monsoon (March-May) and post-monsoon (October-November) seasons. The number of papilionid species were greater from July to December as compared from January to June. The findings of this study suggest that the pattern of seasonality in a semi-evergreen forest in northeastern India is distinct from that of the sub-tropical lowland forest in the Himalaya. Favourable logistics and rich diversity in GWS points to its rich potential in promoting 'butterfly inclusive ecotourism' in this remnant forest.

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INTRODUCTION

The northeastern region of India, that lies south of the Brahmaputra River, is part of the Indo-Burma biodiversity hotspot on the globe. It is located at the trijunction of Indo-Chinese, Indo-Malayan and Palaearctic biogeographic realms exhibiting a profusion of habitats characterized by diverse biota with a high level of endemism (http://www.biodiversityhotspots.org/xp/hotspots/indo burma/Pages/default.aspx).

More than 50% of the butterfly species found in India occur in the northeast, also called the "Papilionidae-rich zone" in the 'Indo-Burma hotspot' as per IUCN (New & Collins 1991). The high species richness and endemism make this an important region for conservation of biodiversity in India.

Study Area

The Gibbon Wildlife Sanctuary (GWS) 26°40′–26°45′N & 94°20′–94°25′E, lies in Jorhat District in upper Assam in northeastern India. It is today an isolated forest patch covering approximately 21km² of mainly lush green 'tropical semi-evergreen forest' sparsely interspersed with 'wet evergreen forest' patches, classified as 'Assam plains alluvial semi-evergreen forests (2B/C1a)' (Champion & Seth 1968). Dipterocarpus retusus (Hollong) is the predominant element in the forest. The associated species are Ailanthus integrifolia, Altingia excelsa, Artocarpus chama, Castanopsis purpurella,

Cinnamomum bejolgheta, Dysoxylum gobara, Mesua ferrea, Michelia champaca and Vatica lanceafolia (Baruah & Khatri 2010) with most of the tree species being utilized by the Western Hoolock Gibbon Hoolock hoolock here (Barua & Gogoi 2012). The altitudinal range of GWS varies between 100-120 m above sea level, while the average temperature ranges from 18.95-27.9 °C, the average humidity varies between 64.5% and 94.5% and the annual rainfall of the study area being ~250cm. The sanctuary was carved out of Hollongapar Reserve Forest set aside in 1881 named after the dominant tree species - Hollong (Dipterocarpus retusus). Subsequently, more forest areas were added to this RF and by 1997 the total area of the Hollongapar RF increased to 2098.62ha. The Government of Assam declared this entire RF area as the Gibbon Wildlife Sanctuary in 1997. GWS is surrounded by mostly tea gardens and small villages. The Bhogdoi River flows from Nagaland (south) to Assam (north-west) and distinctly demarcates the eastern boundary of this sanctuary as a permanent physical barrier (Image 1). GWS was once contiguous with a large forest tract that extended to Dissoi Valley Reserve Forests of Nagaland in the south and are now separated by a vast stretch of tea gardens presenting a barrier in the effective migration of wildlife such as elephants (Bhattacharjee 2012). GWS today is still a home to many species of animals of global concern namely, Hoolock Gibbon Hoolock hoolock (Endangered; Brockelman et al. 2008); Capped Langur Trachypithecus

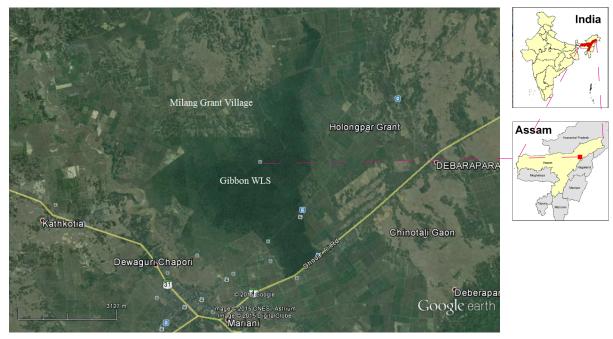


Image 1. Gibbon Wildlife Sanctuary and its surrounding areas.

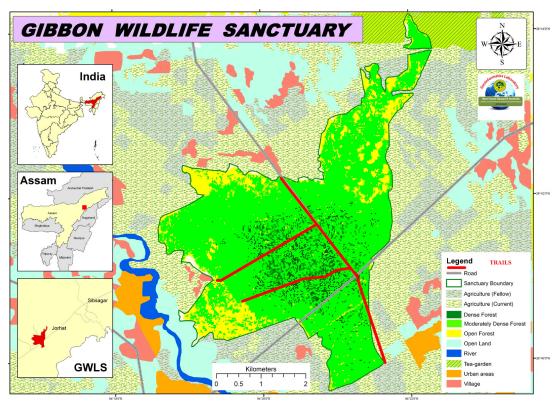


Figure 1. The Gibbon Wildlife Sanctuary with the butterfly sampling trails, marked in red (Source: D.J. Das, Geo Informatics Laboratory, Ecology & Biodiversity Conservation Division, RFRI, Jorhat).

pileatus (Vulnerable; Das et al. 2008), Slow Loris Nycticebus bengalensis (Vulnerable; Streicher et al. 2008), Pig-tailed Macaque Macaca leonina (Vulnerable; Boonratana et al. 2008), Stump-tailed Macaque Macaca arctoides (Vulnerable; Htun et al. 2008), Assamese Macague Macaca assamensis (Near Threatened; Boonratana et al. 2008), Malayan Giant Squirrel Ratufa bicolour (Near Threatened; Walston et al. 2008), Asian Elephant Elephas maximus (Endangered; Choudhury et al. 2008), Leopard Panthera pardus (Near Threatened; Henschel et al. 2008), Large Indian Civet Viverra zibetha (Near Threatened; Duckworth, et al. 2008), Chinese Pangolin Manis pentadactyla (Endangered; Challender et al. 2014), as recorded by the author. Besides, many other species have also been listed in the sanctuary's catalogue (Bordoloi 2010).

The published literature on the butterflies of the GWS is scanty. Senthilkumar et al. (2006) recorded 37 species from GWS. A blog by Abhijit Narvekar (http://butterflyinggibbonwls.blogspot.in/) lists 31 species from GWS, recorded in May 2013. Besides these, there are no other published records of butterflies from GWS. The authors hereby report the results of a three and a half year study carried out by them in the GWS.

METHODS

Sampling

Twenty-eight sampling surveys covering all the months were carried out in Gibbon WS from 4 August 2010 to 26 April 2014. Sampling was carried out along forest trails up to 5m on both sides along a stretch of 3.5km from the village Melang Grant to the Gibbon Forest Rest House (FRH) and along the two parallel trails that goes from the FRH towards river Bhogdoi in the east (Fig. 1). The 'Pollard walk' (Pollard & Yates 1993) method was used for sampling butterflies. Sampling was carried out between 08.00hr to 15.00hr mostly on sunny days, but the sampling hours varied in different samplings from 1.5-3 hours. The taxa encountered were recorded in each sampling. The data on abundance, however, could not be recorded for each survey, but species occurring in exceptionally high numbers (peak abundance) were noted. A total of ~65 hours of sampling was carried out. Butterflies were identified from photographs and using field guides (Evans 1932; Wynter-Blyth 1957; Haribal 1992; Smith 1989 & 2006; Kehimkar 2008; Sondhi et al. 2013 and websites: www.flutters.org/ and www. ifoundbutterflies.org/).

Data Analysis

Data for the number of species recorded in each survey was pooled. Species accumulation curve was then plotted from the first to the last sampling to see the rate of species accumulation during the study period. The Sorensen's similarity index or β was calculated to see the species similarity in butterflies between four different seasons meeting different seasons [premonsoon (March–May), monsoon (June–Sept), postmonsoon (October–November) and winter (December–February)]in this semi-evergreen forest.

 β = 2c/(S1+S2)

here, S1 = the total number of species recorded in one season/site

S2 = the total number of species recorded in different season/site

C = number of species common to both seasons/ sites

The Sorensen's similarity index (Sorensen 1948) is a very simple measure of beta diversity, ranging from a value of zero, where there is no species overlap between the communities to a value of one, when exactly the same species are found in both communities.

The seasonality of butterflies in GWS was then compared with trends available in other studies in other forest habitats in the Himalaya and the northeast to see the variation in this forest type.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSIONS

Species richness

Amongst the 211 species belonging to 115 genera recorded during 28 sampling surveys (Appendix 1), 19

1957). The present sampling thus represents about 82% of the species found in the study area. Families Lyceanidae and Hesperiidae proportions are less than those of the northeastern region, these two families are thus under-represented (Table 1) in the present surveys and there is a need to look for more species among these two families in GWS.

Species accumulation

species were of the family Papilionidae. This suggests

that species richness of the area could be as high as 257

species based on the family proportion model (Singh &

Pandey 2004), by taking Papilionidae's proportion as

7.4% of the total for northeastern India (Wynter-Blyth

An increasing trend in the species accumulation curve shows that new species were added during every sampling up to the last sampling at a prominently higher rate just after the monsoon rains (Aug–Sep) until pre-monsoon (March), every year (Fig. 2). The trend obtained during the last six samplings suggests that new species were still being discovered until the end (mainly Lycaenidae and Hesperiidae).

Seasonality

Maximum number of species were recorded during the 'post monsoon' season in the region (Fig. 3). The first peak in species richness (102 species) during March and April was smaller than the second peak in September to October (118) when most of the species are in flight in GWS. The two peak seasonal trends in butterflies is very typical of the Himalaya and northeastern India. In GWS, which is a semi-evergreen forest, the second peak is higher than the first peak, however. This pattern differs considerably from the sub-tropical lowland forests in Bhutan (Fig. 4; Singh 2012) lying between 100–220 m,

Table 1. Comparison of the proportion of butterfly families recorded from Gibbon WS with northeastern India

Site	Total			Family		
	no. of species recorded	Papilioni- dae	Pieri- dae	Lycaeni- dae	Nymphali- dae	Hesperii- dae
Wynter- Blyth 1957 Northeast- ern India	853	7.3 (62)	6.1	30.2	34.2	22.2
Present study Semi- evergreen Forest Gibbon Wildlife Sanctuary, Assam (21km²)	211	9.0 (19)	9.0 (19)	24.6 (52)	40.8 (86)	16.6 (35)

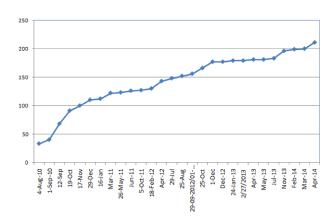


Figure 2. Species accumulation curve for 28 samplings of butterflies through different seasons in Gibbon WS (August 2010–April 2014)

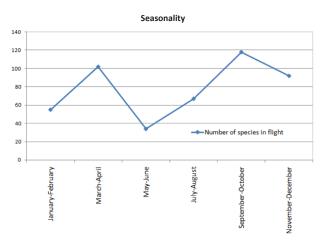


Figure 3. Seasonal variation in number of species recorded in Gibbon WS (August 2010–April 2014).

where both the peaks are high but the first peak in April is slightly greater than the second peak in December (Fig. 4). The reason for the first peak being smaller than the second peak in GWS may be related to the pattern of rainfall here. The reason for the first peak being smaller than second peak higher in GWS may be related to the pattern of rainfall here. In GWS the onset of early rains is early in spring (from April), monsoons are less severe, there is short dry (moderate) winter in comparison to rains arriving relatively late in May–June, severe monsoon and a longer winter season in Bhutan.

Species similarity among seasons

Sorensen's similarity index between seasons varied from 0.25-0.55. This suggests that, the species composition varied in GWS all over the seasons of the year. However, the highest similarity was noticed between post-monsoon and autumn, post-monsoon and spring, winter and spring, spring and autumn, respectively. In other words from post-monsoon to spring the species composition in GWS showed much similarity. The similarity index was least between spring and pre-monsoon followed by monsoon and winter, respectively (Fig. 5). This suggests that major changes in species composition in the semi-evergreen forests occurs between these seasons, which may be related to the life history patterns of these butterflies. The number of species in flight during rainy season were few in comparison to the dry season.

Papilionidae species similarity of GWS with other semi evergreen forest areas in the region

GWS, a small forest, recorded 19 species of

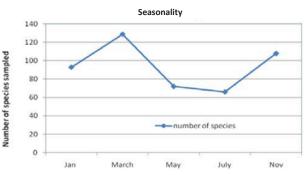


Figure 4. Seasonal variation in number of butterfly species (pooled) in subtropical lowland forests of Bhutan (January 2009–March 2010) (Singh 2012).

Table 2. Similarity index of papilionids in different areas having 'semi-evergreens forest' in northeastern India

Between Sites	Jaccard's coefficient of similarity
Gibbon WS and Jeypore RF	0.667
Gibbon WS and Garo Hills	0.531
Jeypore RF and Garo Hills	0.634
(Jeypore RF+Gibbon WS) and Garo Hills	0.606

Papilionidae as compared to the other large forest tracts like in Jeypore-Dehing RF where 21 species of Papilionidae have been reported (Gogoi 2013). Four species (Great Zebra Graphium xenocles; Common Peacock Papilio polyctor; Common Windmill Atrophaneura polyeuctes and Lesser Batwing Atrophaneura aidoneus) found in Jeypore-Dehing RF (Gogoi 2013) were absent in GWS. This could be due to proximity and continuity of Jeypore RF with Himalayan foothills of Arunachal Pradesh from where these species come down and non-connectivity of GWS forest with the nearest hills in Nagaland and no freshwater mountain streams inside the GWS. Besides, 30 papilionids have been recorded in Garo Hills (Sondhi et al. 2013) of which 10 have not been recorded at GWS, but Garo Hills have diverse habitats under at least three forest types and a large altitudinal gradient when compared to GWS.

The Papiliondae species similarity between these three forests (Table 2) all having semi-evergreen forest component in common also have at least 53 percent papilionid species common among them.

Significant records

A dead female of the Great Blue Mime *Papilio* paradoxa telearchus, a rare species (Evan 1932), crushed by a vehicle on the forest road was recorded on 25



Figure 5. Butterfly species similarity between different seasons in Gibbon WS (August 2010–March 2014).

August 2012 on the road and later identified (Image 2). The female of this species are very rarely photographed as they mimic the female of the Magpie Crow Euploea radamanthus and thus overlooked. A male P.p. telearchus was photographed (Image 3) on 10 July 2013 feeding on the wet ground on the trail. This species also feeds on the nectar of Syzygium sp. flowers in September-October 2011 along with Great Archduke Lexias dirtea (Image 4), Blue-spotted Crow Euploea midamus; Stripe Blue Crow Euploea mulciber; Yellow-spot Jezebel Delias agostina; Red-spot Jezebel D. descombesi and Red-base Jezebel *D. pasithoe*. Brown Forest Bob *Scobura woolletti* woolletti Riley (Image 5), a rare species, was recorded on 20 February 2011 and 27 March 2011 was also a species with a distribution in the Naga Hills, Siam and Borneo (Evans 1932). Norman (1956), however, had recorded S.w. woolletti Riley from Sibsagar District of Assam that was previously also known from Manipur. The record of Snowy Angle, Darpa pteria dealbata on 4 August 2012 (Image 6), is the second photographic record of this species from India. Earlier, it had been recorded from the forests of Jeypore-Dehing in Assam between April 24 and 29, 2011, the distribution of the species being further south through Burma, Thailand, Laos, Malay Peninsula, Tioman, Borneo, Sumatra, Java, and Palawan, Phillipines in South-east Asia (Karthikeyan & Venkatesh 2011). The Constable, Dichorrhagia nesimachus (Image 7) a very rare species (Evans 1932) was recorded on three occasions, 15 April 2012, 7 December 2013 and 4 March 2014 and a male of Grey Baron, Euthalia anosia anosia (Image 8) another rare species (Evans 1932), on 15 April 2012 and 4 March 2014, both basking in



Image 2. Great Blue Mime Papilio paradoxa telearchus (female)



Image 3. Great Blue Mime Papilio paradoxa telearchus (male)

the sunshine and on wet mud inside the forest. Sylhet Oakblue *Arhopala silhetensis* (Images 9,10) is another rare species (Evans 1932) that was recorded on several occasions (6 February 2011, 24 January 2013; 13 May



Image 4. Dark Archduke *Lexia dirtea khasiana* (male) (locally common)



Image 5. Brown Forest Bob Scobura woolletti



Image 6. Snowy Angle Darpa pteria dealbata



Image 7. Constable Dichorragia nesimachus



Image 8. Grey Baron Euthalia anosia (male)



Image 9. Sylhet Oakblue Arhopala silhetensis (underside)

2013; April 2014), the species being found from Sikkim to North Myanmar. Tamil Oakblue *Narathura bazaloides* also a rare species was photographed on 9 October 2010 (Image 11) and April 2014 while Spotless Oakblue *Arhopala fulla ignara* Riley, a rare (Evans 1932) on April

2014. Branded Yamfly *Yasoda tripunctata tripunctata* (Image 12) is yet another rare species, which is also distributed from Sikkim to Myanmar, was recorded once on 25 October 2011.



Image 10. Sylhet Oakblue Arhopala silhetensis (upperside)



Image 11. Tamil Oakblue Arhopala bazaloides



Image 12. Branded Yamfly Yasoda triopunctata

CONCLUSION

Being a remnant forest of 21km², GWS supports a rich diversity of butterflies found in northeastern India. The seasonality and diversity of butterflies of a 'semi evergreen forest' is unique from that of lowland subtropical forests of the lower Himalaya. Barua et al. (2010) have also found that rainfall has a strong correlation with the abundance of some papilionids

in northeastern India besides a strong seasonality in continental South-east Asian butterfly assemblages. GWS, besides supporting butterfly diversity, also needs to be preserved as a gene bank biodiversity of flora and fauna (birds, mammals, herpetofauna, orchids, canes, bamboos, etc.) unique to northeastern India and functions as an island habitat for movement of large mammals and birds between larger protected areas in the landscape. Also, better accessibility and location of GWS with the national highway in the region, proximity to Jorhat town, lying in the plains and having a rest house, increases its potential for attracting tourists for - butterflyinclusive eco-tourism in a natural semievergreen forest habitat. Using local villagers as guides to generate livelihood for communities involved thereby reducing biotic pressure on one hand and conserving this magnificent forest on the other along, with the researchers and students, GWS can easily be taken up as a role model in conservation biology.

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Appendix 1. Checklist of butterflies recorded in Gibbon Wildlife Sanctuary, Assam, India (110–120 m; August 2010–April 2014).

	Common name	Scientific name	Season					
			Jan-	Mar-	May-	Jul-	Sep-	Nov-
	 Papilionidae		Feb	Apr	Jun	Aug	Oct	Dec
1	White Dragontail	Lamproptera curius curius Fabricius				*		
2	Common Blue Bottle	Graphium sarpedon sarpedon Linnaeus		*			*	
3	Common Jay	Graphium dosonaxion Felder			*	*	*	
4	Great Jay	Graphium eurypylus cheronus Fruhstorfer			*			
5	Tailed Jay	Graphium agamemnon agamemnon Linnaeus		*		*	*	*
6	Five Bar Swordtail					*	*	*
7	Lesser Zebra	Graphium antiphates pompilius Fabricius		*				
		Graphium macareus indicus Rothschild				*	*	*
8	Common Mormon	Papilio polytesromulus Cramer				, T	*	*
9	Common Raven	Papilio castorcastor Westwood	*	*			*	*
10	Red Helen	Papilio helenushelenus Linnaeus	*	*	*			
11	Yellow Helen	Papilio nepheluschaon Westwood				*	*	*
12	Great Mormon	Papilio memnonagenor Linnaeus		*		*	*	
13	Spangle	Papilio protenoreuprotenor Fruhstorfer				*	*	
14	Redbreast	Papilio alcmenor alcmenor C.&R.Felder						*
15	Blue Peacock	Papilio arcturus arcturus Westwood				*		
16	Great Blue Mime	Papilio paradoxa telearchus Hewitson				*		
17	Common Batwing	Atrophaneura varunaastorion Westwood			*		*	*
18	Common Rose	Atrophaneura aristolochiae aristolochiae Fabricius				*	*	
19	Common Birdwing	Troides helenacerberus Felder & Felder		*		*	*	*
	Pieridae							
20	One-spot Grass Yellow	Eurema andersonijordani Corbet & Pendlebury				*	*	
21	Three-spot Grass Yellow	Eurema blandasilhetana Wallace	*^	*		*	*	*
22	Common Grass Yellow	Eurema hecabehecabe Linnaeus					*	*
23	Tree Yellow	Gandaca harinaassamica Moore		*		*	*	
24	Common Emigrant	Catopsilia pomona pomana Fabricius	*	*	*			
25	Great Orange Tip	Hebomoia glaucippeglaucippe Linnaeus		*			*	*
26	Pale Wanderer	Pareronia avatar Moore	*				*	
27	Chocolate Albatross	Appias lyncida Cramer	*	*	*	*	*	*
28	Indo-Chinese Chocolate Albatross	Appias lyncida elenora Boisduval						
29	Common Albatross	Appias albinadarada Felder & Felder			*		*	*
30	Eastern Striped Albatross	Appias olferna olferna Swinhoe			*			
31	Indian Cabbage White	Pieris canidiaindica Evans	*	*			*	
32	Lesser Gull	Cepora nadinanadina Lucas					*	
33	Common Gull	Cepora nerissa phryne Fabricius	*					
34	Red Base Jezebel	Delias pasithoepasithoe Linnaeus	*	*	*		*	*
35	Red Spot Jezebel	Delias descombesidescombesi Boisduval					*^	*
36	Red Breast Jezebel	Delias thysbe pyramus Wallace		*				
37	Yellow Jezebel	Delias agostinaagostina Hewitson		*				*
38	Psyche	Leptosia ninanina Fabricius		*	*	*	*	*
	Lycaenidae							
39	Bright Sunbeam	Curetis bulis Westwood		*				

	Common name	Scientific name			Sea	son		
			Jan-	Mar-	May-	Jul-	Sep-	Nov-
40	Centaur Oak blue	Arbanala contauruspirithaus Maara	Feb	Apr *	Jun	Aug	Oct *	Dec *
	Aberrent Oakblue	Arhopala centauruspirithous Moore	*				*	
41	Aberrent Oakblue	Arhopala abseus indicus Riley Arhopala silhetensissilhetensis Hewitson					,	
42	Sylhet Oakblue	[IWPA-Schedule-II]	*	*	*			
43	Tamil Oakblue	Narathura bazaloides (Hewitson) [IWPA-Schedule-II]		*			*	
44	Hooked Oakblue	Arhopala paramutaparamuta de Nicéville # [IWPA-Schedule-II]		*				
45	Spotless Oakblue	Arhopala fulla ignara Riley #		*				
46	Green Oakblue	Arhopala eumolphus eumolphus Cramer		*				
47	Yellow Disc Tailess Oakblue	Arhopala perimuta perimuta, Moore #		*				
48	Common Acacia Blue	Surendra quercetorumquercetorum Moore		*				*
49	Branded Yamfly	Yasoda tripunctatatripunctata Hewitson [IWPA-Schedule-II]		*				
50	Yamfly	Loxura atymnuscontinentalis Fruhstorfer		*			*	
51	Blue Imperial	Ticherra acteacte Moore	*	*				*
52	Common Imperial	Cheritra freja evansi Cowan	*					
53	Banded Royal	Rachana jalindra indra Moore		*				
54	Chocolate Royal	Remelana jangala ravata (Horsfield) #		*				
55	Broad Spark	Sinthusa chandrana grotei Moore #						
56	Common Tit	Hypolycaena erylushimavantus Fruhstorfer			*		*	*
57	Fluffy Tit	Zetus amasa amasa Hewitson	*	*	*	*	* ^	*
58	Copper Flash	Rapala pheretimapetosiris Hewitson #						*
59	Indian Red Flash	Rapala iarbusiarbus Fabricius						*
60	Long banded Silverline	Spindasis lohitahimalayanus Moore [IWPA-Schedule-II]					*	
61	Common Tinsel	Catapaecilma major anais Fruhstorfer #		*				
62	Golden Sapphire	Heliophorus brahmamajor Moore						*
63	Purple Sapphire	Heliophorus epicles latilimbata Fruhstorfer	*	*	*	*	*	*
64	Common Ciliate Blue	Anthene emolusemolus Godart				*		
65	Pointed Ciliate Blue	Anthene lycaeninalycaeninia Felder & Felder			*			
66	Elbowed Pierrot	Caleta elnanoliteia Fruhstorfer		*		*	*	*
67	Common Pierrot	Castalius rosimonrosimon Fabricius	*				*	*
68	Banded Lineblue	Prosotas aluta coelestis Wood-Mason & de-Niceville					*	
69	Pale 4-Lineblue	Nacaduba hermusnabo Fruhstorfer [IWPA-Schedule-II]				*		
70	Opaque 6-Lineblue	Nacaduba beroegythion Fruhstorfer				*		
71	Transparent 6-Lineblue	Nacadubakurava euplea Fruhstorfer				*		
72	Common Lineblue	Prosotas noraardates Moore				*	*	
73	Tailless Lineblue	Prosotas dubiosa indica Evans	*				*	*
74	Bhutia Lineblue	Prosotas bhutea de Niceville					*	
75	Pointed Lineblue	Ionolyce helicon merguiana Moore				*		
76	Common Cerulean	Jamides celeno celeno Cramer	*	*			*	*
77	Metallic Cerulean	Jamides alectoalocina Swinhoe	*					*
78	Dark Cerulean	Jamides bochus bochus (Stoll)		*				
79	Silver Forget-me-not	Catochrysops panormusexiguus Distant				*		
80	Forget-me-not	Catochrysops straboStrabo Fabricius		*				
81	Pale Grass Blue	Pseudozizeeria mahamaha Kollar		*		*		

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			Jan-	Mar-	May-	Jul-	Sep-	Nov-
02	Doyle Cross Blue	Zizeera karsandra Moore	Feb	Apr	Jun	Aug *	Oct	Dec
82	Dark Grass Blue				*	*	*	*
83	Quaker	Neopithecops zalmorazalmora Butler			*	*	*	
84	Malayan	Megisba malayasikkima Moore			*	*	*	
85	Common Hedge Blue	Acytolepis puspagisca Fruhstorfer			*	*	*	*
86	Pale Hedge Blue	Udara dilectadilecta Moore				*	*	1
87	Lime Blue	Chilades lajuslajus Stoll	*	*	*	*	*	*
88	Punchinello	Zemeros flegyasindicus Fruhstorfer	*		*	*	*	*
89	Tailed Judy	Abisara neophron neophron Hewitson		*				
90	Plum Judy	Abisara echerius paionea Fruhstorfer		*				*
	Nymphalidae							
91	Striped Tiger	Danaus genutiagenutia Cramer	*	*				*
92	Plain Tiger	Danaus chrysippus chrysippus Linnaeus		*				
93	Glassy Tiger	Parantica aglea melanoides Moore	*	*		*	*	*
94	Chestnut Tiger	Parantica sitasita Kollar		*				
95	Striped Blue Crow	Euploea mulcibermulciber Cramer		*			* ^	
96	Blue-spotted Crow	Euploea midamus rogenhoferi Felder & Felder [IWPA-Schedule-II]				*	*	
97	Magpie Crow	Euploea radamanthusradamanthus Fabricius	*	*	*	*	*	*
98	Common Indian Crow	Euploea core core Cramer					*	
99	Common Nawab	Polyura athamas athamas Drury				*	*	*
100	Pallid Nawab	Charaxes arja arja Felder& Felder #				*		
101	Tawny Rajah	Charaxes bernardushierax Felder & Felder		*	*	*	*	*
102	Yellow Rajah	Charaxes marmax marmax Westwood IWPA-Schedule-II		*			*	
103	Variegated Rajah	Charaxes kahruba kahruba Moore IWPA-Schedule-II		*				
104	Common Faun	Faunis canensarcesilas Stichel				*		*
105	Common Duffer	Discophora sondaicazal Westwood	*				*	
106	Great Duffer	Discophora timora timora Westwood					*	
107	Longbrand Bushbrown	Mycalesis visala visala Moore					*	
108	Common Evening Brown	Melanitis ledaleda Linnaeus	*	*			*	*
109	Dark Evening Brown	Melanitis phedimabela Moore	*				*	*
110	Great Evening Brown	Melanitis ziteniuszitenius Herbst					*	
111	Bamboo Treebrown	Lethe europa niladana Fruhstorfer					*	
112	Banded Treebrown	Lethe confusaconfuse Aurivillius						*
113	Straightbanded Treebrown	Lethe verma sintica Fruhstorfer	*	*			*	
114	Common Palmfly	Elymnias hypermnestra undularis Drury				*		*
115	Tiger Palmfly	Elymnias nesaeatimandra Wallace			*			
116	White-bar Bushbrown	Mycalesis anaxiasaemate Fruhstorfer						*
117	Lilacine Bushbrown	Mycalesis franciscasanatana Moore	*	*	*			*
118	Chinese Bushbrown	Mycalesis gotamacharaka Moore	*	*				*
119	Common Bush Brown	Mycalesis perseusblasius Fabricius	*		*	*	*	*
120	Dark-brand Bushbrown	Mycalesis mineusmineus Linnaeus	*	*				
121	Long brand Bushbrown	Mycalesis visala visala Moore					*	
122	Nigger	Orsotrioena medusmedus Fabricius						*
123	Common Fiver-ring	Ypthima baldusbaldus Fabricius	*	*	*		*	*

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			Jan-	Mar-	May-	Jul-	Sep-	Nov-
124	Large Three-ring	Ypthima nareda nareda Kollar	Feb	Apr	Jun	Aug	Oct *	Dec *
125	Common Four-ring	Ypthima huebnerihuebneri Kirby				*		
126	Himalayan Five-ring	Ypthima sakraausteni Moore						*
127	Red Lacewing	Cethosia biblis tisamena Fruhstorfer				*	*	*
128	Leopard Lacewing	Cethosia cyane cyane Drury	*	*		*	*	*
129	Cruiser	Vindula erotaerota Fabricius		*				*
130	Large Yeoman	Cirrochroa aorisaoris Doubleday	*				*	*
131	Green Commodore	Sumalia daraxadaraxa Doubleday		*				*
132	Commander	Moduza procrisprocrisCramer		*			*	*
133	Unbroken Sergeant	Athyma pravara acutipennis Fruhstorfer		*			*	*
134	Common Sergeant	Athyma periusperius Linnaeus		*				*
135	Dot-Dash Sergeant	Athyma kanwaphorkys Fruhstorfer	*	*		*	*	*
136	Black-vein Sergeant	Athyma rangaranga Moore	*	*			*	
137	Small staff Sergeant	Athyma zeroca zeroca Moore						*
138	Staff Sergeant	Athyma selenophoraselenophora Kollar	*	*			*	*
139	Colour Sergeant	Athyma nefte inara Westwood		*			*	*
140	Common Lascar	Pantoporia hordoniahordonia Stoll	*	*		*	*	*
141	Perak Lascar	Pantoporia paraka paraka Butler						*
142	Yellow Jack Sailer	Neptis viraja viraja(Moore)					*	
143	Common Sailer	Neptis hylaskamarupa Moore	*	*	*	*	*	*
144	Clear Sailer	Neptis clinia susruta Moore		*				
145	Creamy Sailer	Neptis soma soma Linnaeus					*	
	,	Neptis nata adipala Moore						
146	Sullied Sailer	[IWPA-Schedule-II]	*	*			*	*
147	Great Yellow Sailer	Neptis radha Moore					*	
148	Plain Sailer	Neptis cartica Moore		*				
149	Dingy Sailer	Neptis pseudovikasi Moore		*			*	
150	Dingiest Salier	Neptis harita Moore					*	
151	Broad-banded Sailer	Neptis sankara amba Moore		*				
152	Knight	Lebadea marthamartha Fabricius	*	*				*
153	Powdered Baron	Euthalia monina kesava Moore		*				*
154	White-edged Blue Baron	Euthalia phemius phemius Doubleday					*	
155	Baron	Euthalia aconthea garuda Moore		*	*	*	*	*
156	Grey Baron	Euthalia anosiaanosia Moore [IWPA-Schedule-II]		*				
157	Gaudy Baron	Euthalia lubentina indica Fruhstorfer					*	
158	Grey Count	Tanaecia lepidealepidia Butler	*	*		*	*	*
159	Common Earl	Tanaecia julii appiadus Ménétriés					*	*
160	Plain Earl	Tanaecia jahnujahnu Moore		*			*	
161	Great Archduke	Lexias cyanipardus cyanipardus Butler	*	*	*	* ^	*	*
162	Common Map	Cyrestis thyodamasthyodamas Boisduval			*		*	
163	Common Maplet	Chersonesia risarisa Doubleday	*	*	*	*	*	
164	Constable	Dichorrhagia nesimachusnesimachus Doyere		*				*
165	Indian Purple Emperor	Mimathyma ambica Kollar		*				
166	Common Castor	Ariadne merionetapestrina Moore						*

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			Jan-	Mar-	May-	Jul-	Sep-	Nov-
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167	Common Jester	Symbrenthia lilaea khasiana Moore	*	*		*	*	*
168	Blue admiral	Kaniska canacecanace Linnaeus	*	*				
169	Indian Red Admiral	Vanessa indica indica Herbst						*
170	Chocolate Pansy	Junonia iphitaiphita Cramer	-	*		*	*	
171	Grey Pansy	Junonia atlites atlites Linnaeus	*	*		*	*	*
172	Peacock Pansy	Junonia almana almanac Linnaeus	*			*	*	*
173	Lemon Pansy	Junonia lemonias lemonias Linnaeus		*				*
174	Great Eggfly	Hypolimnas bolinajacintha Drury	*				*	
175	Orange Oakleaf	Kallima inachusinachus Boisduval		*				
176	Autumn Leaf	Doleschallia bisaltideindica Moore	*	*			*	
	Hesperiidae							
177	Indian Awlking	Choaspes benjaminii japonica Murray		*			*	
178	Common Awl	Hasora badra Moore						*
179	Plain Ace	Halpe kumara kumara de Niceville #	*					
180	Common Spotted Flat	Celaenorrhinus leucocera leucocera Kollar	*		*			*
181	Fulvous Pied Flat	Pseudocoladenia danfabia Evans		*			*	*
182	Brown Pied Flat	Coladenia agni de Niceville #		*				
183	Dusky Yellow Breasted Flat	Gerosis phisaraphisara Moore					*	
184	Suffused Snowflat	Tagiades gana athos Plötz				*	*	
185	Common Snowflat	Tagiades japetusravi Moore	*				*	*
186	Snowy Angle	Darpa pteria dealbata Distant				*		
187	Common Dartlet	Oriens goloides Moore		*			*	*
188	Common Dart	Potanthus pseudomaesa Moore		*				
189	Straight Swift	Parnara badabada Moore		*			*	*
190	Blank Swift	Caltoris kumara (Moore)					*	
191	Rice Swift	Borbo cinnara Wallace				*		
192	Small branded Swift	Pelopidas mathias Fabricius				*	*	*
193	Large Branded Swift	Pelopidas sinensis sinensis Mabille				*		
194	Paint-brush Swift	Baoris farri (Moore) [IWPA-Schedule-II]					*	
195	Colon Swift	Caltoris cahira austeni Moore					*	
196	Brown Forest Bob	Scobura woolletti Riley #	*	*				
197	Chestnut Bob	lambrix salsala salsala Moore	*	*				
198	Small Indian Palm Bob	Suastus gremius Fabricius					*	
199	Grass Bob	Suada swerqa swerqade Niceville #		*				
200	Dark Velvet Bob	Koruthaialos butleri butleri de Niceville #						*
201	Common Redeye	Matapa aria Moore						*
202	Coon	Psolos fuligo subfasciatus Moore	*	*			*	
203	Chocolate Demon	Ancistroides nigrita diocles Moore	+		*	*		
203	Common Banded Demon	Notocrypta paralysos asawa Fruhstorfer	+			*	*	
205	Restricted Demon	Notocrypta curvifascia Felder & Felder		*			*	
203	Tiger Hopper	Ochus subvittatussubradiatus Moore		*		*	*	*
207	Bush Hopper	Ampittia dioscorides Fabricius	+		*	*		
207	Scarce Bush Hopper	Ampitta maroides de Niceville					*	
208		,	-				*	
209	Veined Scrub Hopper	Aeromachus stigmataobsoletus Takeuchi						

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			Jan-	Mar-	May-	Jul-	Sep-	Nov-	
			Feb	Apr	Jun	Aug	Oct	Dec	
210	Grey Scrub Hopper	Aeromachus jhoracretade Nicéville #					*		
211	Pygmy Scrub Hopper	Aeromachus pygmaeuspygmaeus Fabricius					*		

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