

BUTTERFLIES OF KHANDIGE WILDLIFE PRESERVATION



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A dense, lush green forest covering a hillside. In the foreground, a large tree with bright yellow flowers stands out against the surrounding greenery. The text is overlaid on a semi-transparent dark green banner at the top of the image.

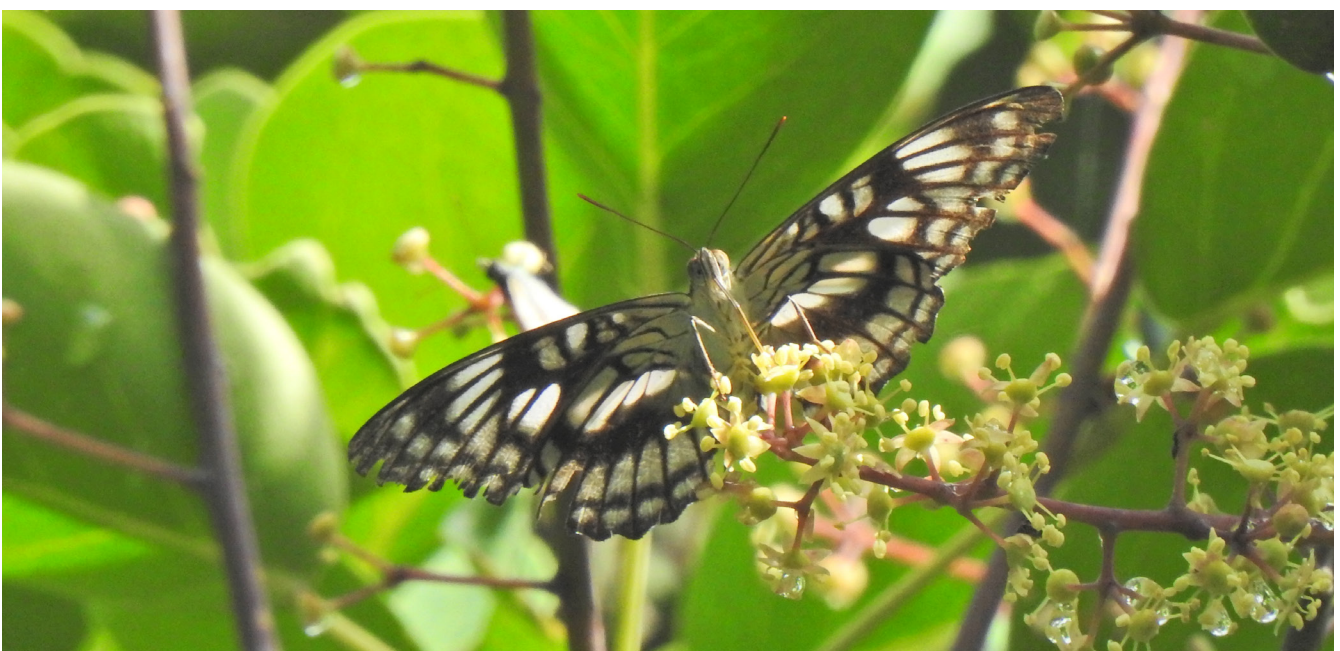
A study to explore the butterfly diversity of Khandige Wildlife Preservation

Butterflies of Khandige Wildlife Preservation, Sirumalai hills, Tamil Nadu, Southern India, a preliminary checklist

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Introduction

Biodiversity describes richness of living species on Earth, including plants, animals, bacteria, and fungi. Each of these species works together in an ecosystem like an intricate web, to sustain the life on Earth, that we need to survive. Though Earth's biodiversity is so rich, many species have yet to be discovered, while many species are being threatened with extinction due to human activities. Therefore, Protected Areas (PAs) are designated to conserve the world's Biodiversity (Mariyam et al., 2021). However, PA itself is inadequate to conserve biodiversity in the longterm (Geldmann et al., 2019), because, they are under extensive human pressure (Jones et al., 2018) and less than 10% are structurally connected (Ward et al., 2020). Therefore, a more holistic approach to conservation has required looking beyond the 'closed' box model of protected areas as the only solution to conservation (Kamal et al., 2015). For this reason, it is not pragmatic to convert every track of land into a formally recognized protected area (Figgis, 2004). However, private land (refers to land under private ownership of individuals/families/non-public entities, otherwise informally managed for nature conservation) that is not likely to meet all conservation needs, it substantially contributes to conservation by supplementing additional habitat for wide-ranging wildlife, restoring structural connectivity, strengthening corridors, buffer zone and provide economic benefit through payment for ecosystem service, and eco-tourism (Mariyam et al.,



The Blackvein sergeant - *Athyma ranga*

2021). For instance, 45% of Cost Rica’s Biological Reserve and 73.8% of total land within the national park in Great Britain lies in private land, while at least 14 million hectares of private land in Southern Africa are used for wildlife management (Chacon 2005; Krug 2001; NPA UK 2011).

Meanwhile, it is not a novel concept in African and Latin American nations, but in South Asian countries like India, private land conservation is still a relatively new concept (Karanth and Karanth, 2012; Drescher and Brenner, 2018; Capano et al., 2019).

Nevertheless, some people informally manage their land for conserving biodiversity for instance “Save Animals Initiative Wildlife Sanctuary” in Karnataka are well-known private wildlife sanctuary in India. Similarly, Khandige Estate and Eco Project Private Limited have been managing their privately owned land at Sirumalai Hills in Southern India under the moniker Khandige Wildlife Preservation for the past 25 years to conserve the county’s bio-diversity. We have been commissioned to document the diversity of butterflies at Khandige Wildlife Preservation after 25 years of conservation.

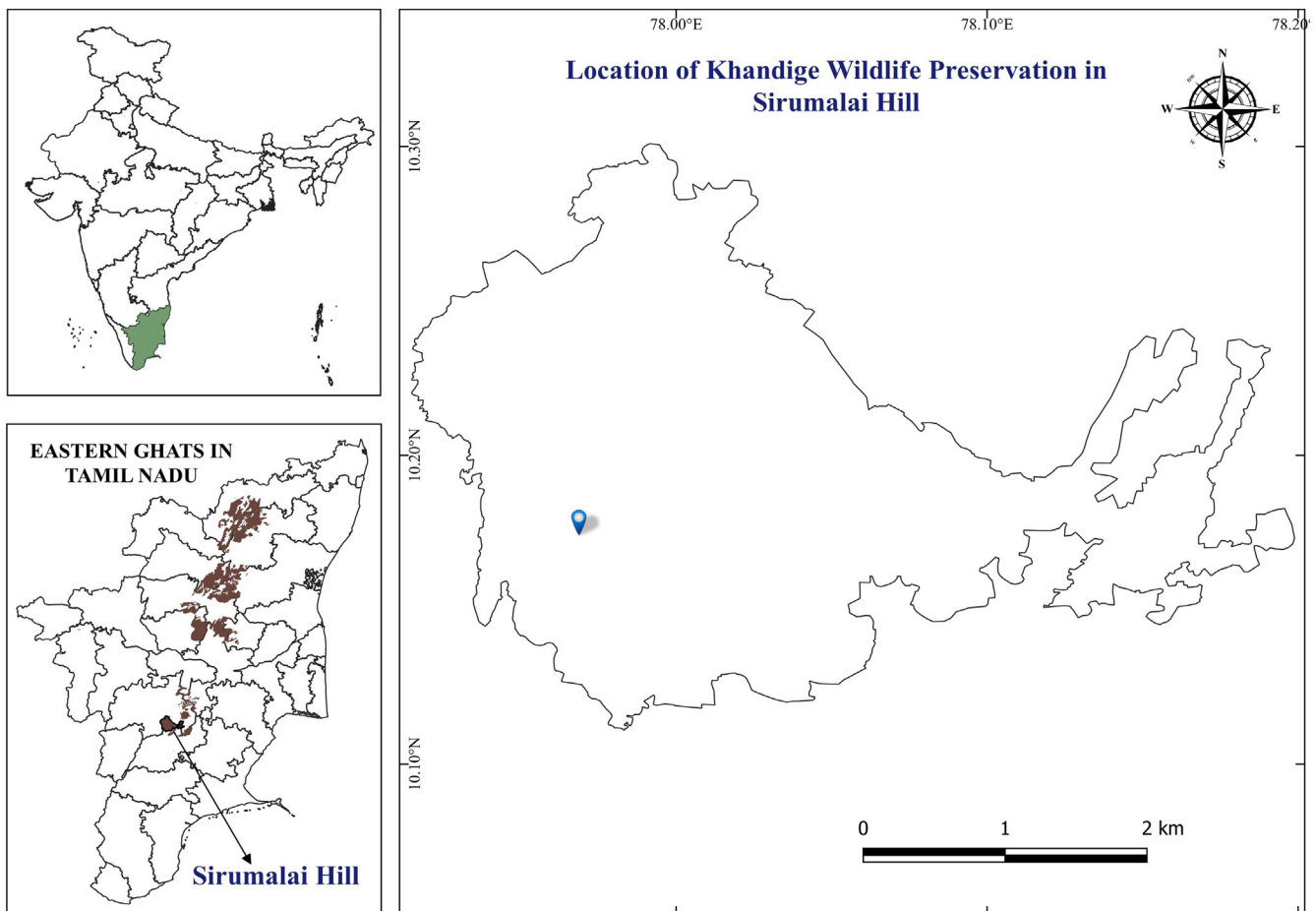


Figure 1. The map shows the location of Khandige Wildlife Preservation (indicated by placeholder) in Sirumalai hills, Tamil Nadu, Southern India.

Butterflies (Rhopalocera) and Moths (Heterocera) are the most admired and easily recognizable insects, together comprise a vast order of insects known as Lepidoptera, a Greek origin word meaning wings with scale (lepis = scale, pteron = wing; Whalley, 2000). A second-largest order of insects comprises nearly 124 families (Dar et al., 2022). Owing to its diverse nature, abundance, inhabiting various land-use categories, being poikilothermic,

and being sensitive to subtle ecological changes, it has been one of the key indicators species to describe the condition of an ecosystem (Naik et al., 2022).

Butterflies can be monitored effortlessly, hence, a systematic study of their population could provide an early warning of environmental changes (Sreekumar and Balakrishnan, 2001;



Mud-puddling butterflies taking advantage of the morning sunshine after the overnight rains.

Naik et al. , 2022). Therefore, it has been considered an umbrella species (New, 1997), thus studies on the population/community ecology of the common butterfly would render critical information on the status of associated species (Pearman and Weber, 2007). However, scanty information on baseline data impedes such detailed ecological investigation that aid to devise strategies for conservation.

Materials and Methods

The Khandige Wildlife Preservation (henceforth KWP) is a private estate spread over an area of 1,000 acres, in Sirumalai hills, Tamil Nadu, Southern India (Fig 1). Sirumalai is the southernmost mountain out of 13 Eastern Ghat hills in Tamil Nadu (Jawadhu, Yelagiri, Shevaroy, Chitteri, Kalrayan, Bodamalai, Kolli, Pachaimalai, Semmalai, Aiyalur, Karandamalai, Sirumalai, and Alagar; Ramachandran et al. 2016). The Sirumalai hill spreads about 300 km², and four major ridges gently slope inside and form a plateau known as Pullimathurai. Mullupanimalai (1,379 m), Vellimalai (1,355 m), Kalugumalai (1,359 m), and Madagamalai (1,245 m) are the major peaks in this region.

The temperature of this region fluctuates from 18.5°C to 29.5°C in January and May, respectively.

Annual rainfall is around 1100 mm, it receives rainfall from both southwest (June - September) and northeast (October - November) monsoon. Sattiar and Kalankaluviar are two smaller streams that drain in Sirumalai and are perennial with a scanty flow during summer (Vanak et al. , 2002). The Kalankaluviar runs through the KWP, where it is joined by two other streamlets forming a series of waterfalls before entering the plains.



Stream inside Khandige Wildlife Preservation

Flora and Fauna – The vegetation of the Sirumalai hills broadly fall under the Tropical Dry Deciduous type (Champion, 1936). Owing to continued human interference, much of the vegetation shows signs of degradation and represents different transitional stages. The entire Sirumalai hill consists of six main vegetation types. Of these only three main types (Dry deciduous forests, Dry evergreen forests, and Riparian forests) occur in KWP. Vanaket al., in the year 2002 reported 29 species of butterflies, nine species of ants, five species of amphibians, 21 species of reptiles, 67 species of birds, and 27 species of mammals from KWP, which can be obtained from www.khandigewildlife.org. Endangered Asiatic wild dog or Indian dhole was reported from KWP (Krishnakumar and Eric, 2020). After 25 years of conservation, a second biodiversity survey is being carried out, therefore, the final report will provide comprehensive details about the flora and fauna of KWP.

As there is little human interference in the Khandige estate, the forest has grown at its own

pace for the past 25 years which has resulted in the diversity of flora inside the estate.

The survey is also a step toward creating a comprehensive butterfly checklist so that the data could be monitored for future trends. Since the primary aim of the study was to obtain the species checklist from KWP, we collected data for three days from 18th June 2022

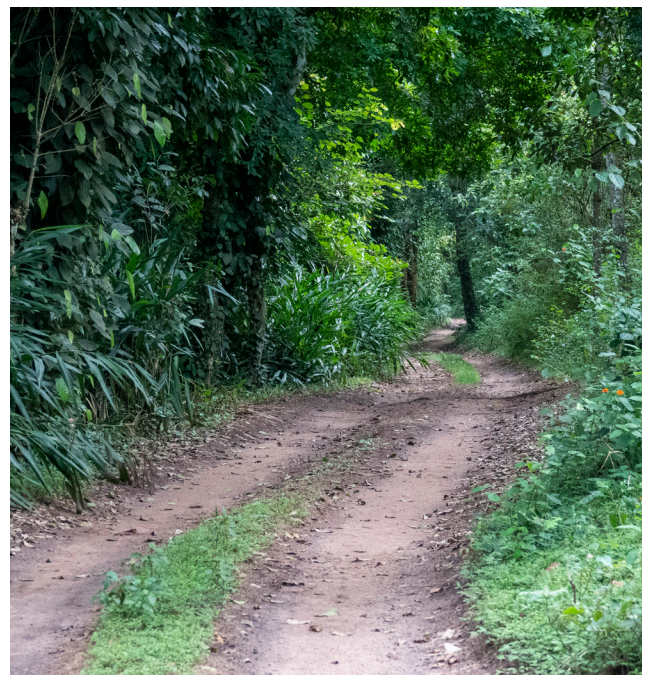


Regenerated forests of Khandige Wildlife Preservation

to 20th June 2022, using the “Pollard Walk” method (Pollard, 1993). The study area has an elaborate network of roads which also acts as a fire line to avert further spread.

We used this network of roads as transects to cover the study area. Every morning one section of the area was covered; in such a way the entire area was surveyed. As butterflies are more active in the sunlight (Wittman et al., 2017), and with exceptional rains and gloomy skies during the early and late hours of the day, data was gathered from the morning at 8:00 am to the evening 3:00 pm.

Butterflies sighted along the transect were recorded and photographed using Canon EOS



Roads inside KWP also acts as a fire line.

80D - Canon EF 100-400 mm and Sony RX10 IV wherever possible. For species that could not be identified on the field, photographs were used to identify and corroborated using literature (Bhakare et al., 2018). The minimum and maximum temperatures during the study period were 19.9° C and 27.6° C respectively.

Result and Discussion

A total of 106 species of butterflies belonging to five families (Hesperiidae, Lycaenidae, Nymphalidae, Papilionidae, Pieridae, Riodinidae) were recorded from KWP. In which 39 species belonged to Nymphalidae, while Riodinidae represented one species (Fig 2). Crimson Rose *Pachlopta hector*, Common Pierrot *Castalius rosimon*, Lime Blue *Chilades lajus*, Cornelian *Deudorix epijarbas*, Striped Tiger *Danaus genutia* and Danaid Eggfly *Hypolimnas misippus* were recorded in the study area listed in Schedule I of the Indian Wildlife (Protection) Act 1972, while species listed under Schedule II (n = 13) and IV (n = 2) also sighted during the study period (Table 1, Image 1-106).

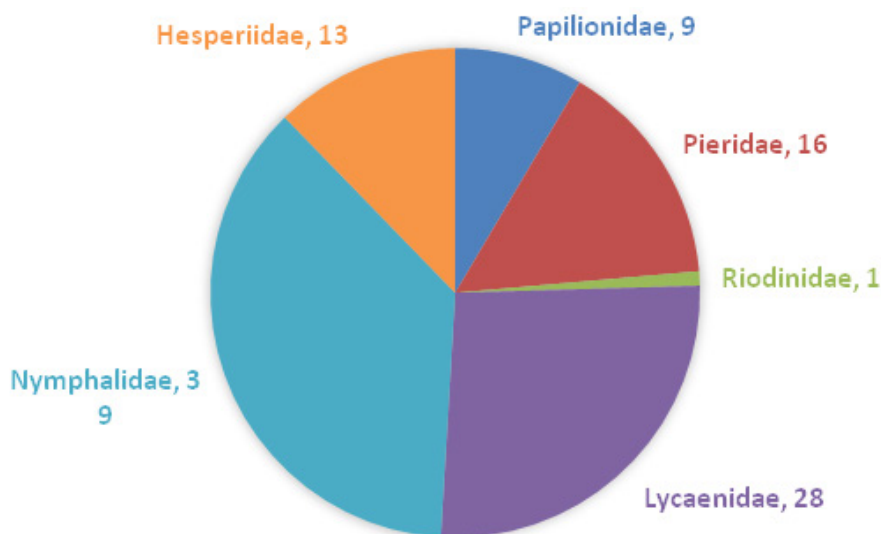
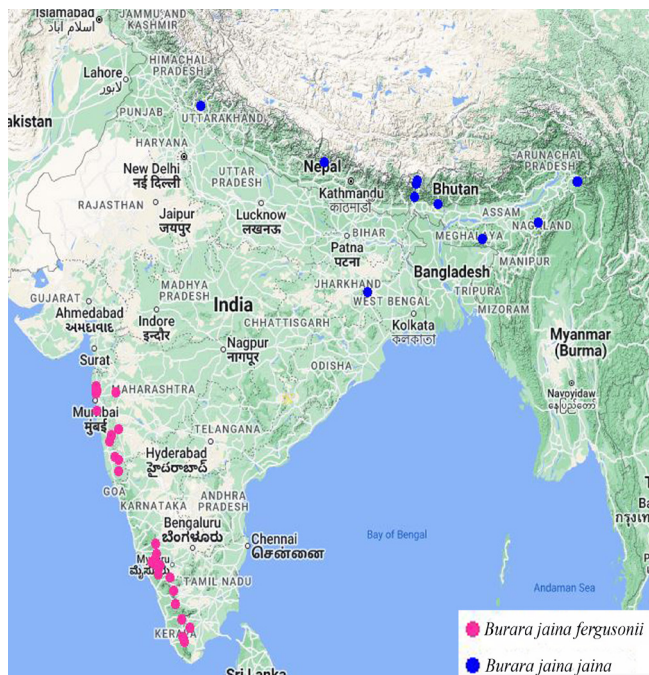


Figure 2. Family-wise composition of butterflies in Khandige Wildlife Preservation, Sirumalai hills, Tamil Nadu.

It's interesting to note that we sighted an Orange awlet, *Burara jaina fergusonii*. *Burara j. Astimata*, *B. j. Fergusonii* and *B. j. Jaina* are three subspecies found within Indian limits (Das et al., 2020). *Burara j. astigmata* confined to South Andaman, whereas, *B. j. fergusonii* occurs from North Maharashtra to South-Western India, while *B. j. Jainais* known to be spanning from Himachal Pradesh to North-East India and outside the Indian boundary, it is found in Nepal, Bhutan, North-East Bangladesh, Myanmar, Northern Thailand, Northern Laos, North Vietnam, Yunnan and Hainan (Varshney and Smetacek, 2015; Inayoshi, 2019).

The *B. j. fergusonii* was photographed by the first two authors at 17:17 hours (18.06.2022) and 16:32 hours (20.06.2022).

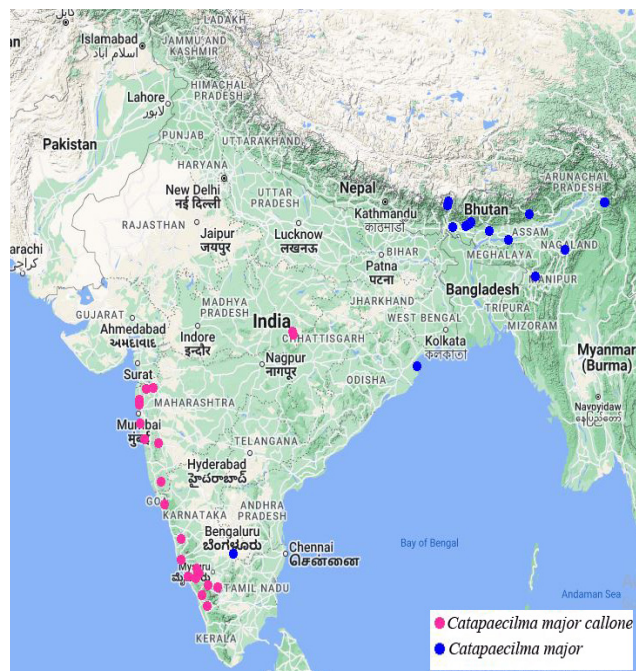


The present distribution of Orange awlet (*Burara jaina*) and their subspecies in India.

[Distribution map of Orange awlet retrieved from <https://www.ifoundbutterflies.org/burara-jaina>, accessed 20/08/2022].

The current observation is the first to be recorded in the Eastern Ghats, and we speculate that, *Burara jaina fergusonii*, an endemic species of the Western Ghats may also be found in other Eastern Ghats hills in Tamil Nadu. Similarly, Common Tinsel *Catapaecilma major* was also sighted.

It is known to occur in the Western Ghats from Maharashtra to Kerala (Varshney and Smetacek, 2015; Anonymous 2022). Out of its known range, it has been reported at Yercaud

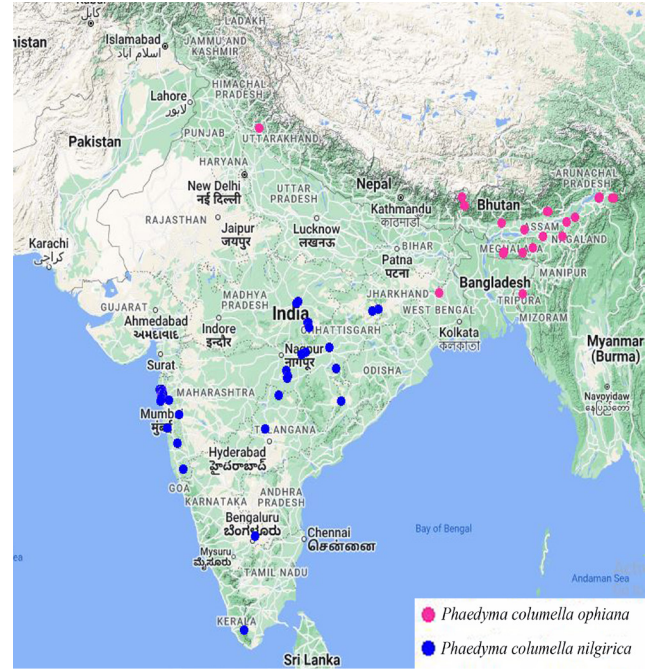


The present distribution of Common tinsel (*Catapaecilma major*) and their subspecies in India.

[Distribution map of Common tinsel retrieved from <https://www.ifoundbutterflies.org/catapaecilma-major>, accessed 20/08/2022].

hills, Eastern Ghats, Tamil Nadu (Staff reporter 2020), which lies roughly 180 Km (aerial distance) from the current study area. Palani hill (Western Ghats) is the closest location where Evans (1910), Ghorpade and Kunte (2010) had reported this species.

Phaedymacolumella nilgirica, commonly called a Short-banded sailer was also sighted in KWP. This subspecies' known distribution extends from Gujarat to Kerala in the south, and



The present distribution of Short-banded Sailer (*Phaedyma columella*) and their subspecies in India. [Distribution map of short-banded sailer retrieved from <https://www.ifoundbutterflies.org/phaedyma-columella>, accessed 20/08/2022].

West Bengal in the East. Hitherto, it has not been reported in the Eastern Ghats, hence it is the first report in the Eastern Ghats of Tamil Nadu.

Conclusion

As anticipated, the study area has a high diversity of butterflies, accounting for roughly one-third of Tamil Nadu's butterfly diversity. This is because the study area is close to the Western Ghats, we found species that only occurs in that region. Owing to seasonal influence, it is impossible to produce a comprehensive list of butterflies in any given month of the year. Further, unseasonal summer rains during fieldwork might have influenced the outcome of the present study.

Therefore, at least two such investigations must be conducted, each in a distinct season for a complete checklist. The riparian region around the river holds much promise for many more exciting finds in the future. The fact that such diversity exists in a small area within the Eastern Ghats is an encouraging sign and also calls for immediate conservation efforts in the remaining Eastern Ghats hills of Tamil Nadu.

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Table 1. List of species observed during the study period at Khandige Wildlife Preservation, Sirumalai, Tamil Nadu. Common and species names follow Kunte et al., (2022).

| Common name | Scientific name | Day 1 | Day 2 | Day 3 | Conservation and Special Status | | |
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| | | | | | IUCN Red List | Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972 | CITES |
| Papilionidae - swallowtail butterflies | | | | | | | |
| Narrow-banded Bluebottle | <i>Graphium teredon</i> | + | + | + | NE | NLP | NL |
| Common Jay | <i>Graphium doson</i> | + | - | - | NE | NLP | NL |
| Tailed Jay | <i>Graphium agamemnon</i> | + | + | + | NE | NLP | NL |
| Common Mormon Swallowtail | <i>Papilio polytes</i> | + | + | + | NE | NLP | NL |
| Blue Mormon Swallowtail | <i>Papilio polymnestor</i> | + | + | + | NE | NLP | NL |
| Lime Swallowtail | <i>Papilio demoleus</i> | + | + | + | NA | NLP | NL |
| Crimson Rose | <i>Pachliopta hector</i> | + | + | - | LC | Schedule I | NL |
| Common Rose Swallowtail | <i>Pachliopta aristolochiae</i> | + | - | - | LC | NLP | NL |
| Southern Birdwing | <i>Troides minos</i> | + | + | + | LC | NLP | II |
| Pieridae - yellow and white butterflies | | | | | | | |
| Common Gull | <i>Cepora nerissa</i> | + | + | + | NE | Schedule II | NL |
| Striped Albatross | <i>Appias libythea</i> | + | - | - | NE | Schedule IV | NL |
| Common Albatross | <i>Appias albina</i> | + | + | + | NE | Schedule II | NL |
| Lemon Emigrant | <i>Catopsilia pomona</i> | + | + | + | NE | NLP | NL |
| Small Grass Yellow | <i>Eurema brigitta</i> | + | + | + | LC | NLP | NL |
| Common Grass Yellow | <i>Eurema hecabe</i> | + | + | + | NE | NLP | NL |
| Three-spotted Grass Yellow | <i>Eurema blanda</i> | + | + | + | NE | NLP | NL |
| Great Orange Tip | <i>Hebomoia glaucippe</i> | - | + | - | NE | NLP | NL |
| Pioneer | <i>Belenois aurota</i> | - | + | + | NE | NLP | NL |
| Yellow Orange Tip | <i>Ixias pyrene</i> | - | - | + | NE | NLP | NL |
| Common Jezebel | <i>Delias eucharis</i> | - | - | + | NE | NLP | NL |
| Psyche | <i>Leptosia nina</i> | - | - | + | NE | NLP | NL |
| Plain Orange-Tip | <i>Colotis aurora</i> | - | - | + | NE | NLP | NL |
| Indian Wanderer | <i>Pareronia hippia</i> | - | - | + | NE | NLP | NL |
| Indian Sunbeam | <i>Curetis thetis</i> | - | - | + | NE | NLP | NL |
| Mottled Emigrant | <i>Catopsilia pyranthe</i> | - | + | - | NE | NLP | NL |
| Riodinidae - Punches & judies | | | | | | | |
| Double-banded Judy | <i>Abisara bifasciata</i> | + | - | - | NE | NLP | NL |
| Lycaenidae - Blues, Hairstreaks and Gossamer-winged butterflies | | | | | | | |
| Red Pierrot | <i>Talicauda nyseus</i> | + | - | - | NE | NLP | NL |
| Angled Pierrot | <i>Caleta decidia</i> | + | + | + | NE | NLP | NL |
| Common Pierrot | <i>Castalius rosimon</i> | + | + | + | NE | Schedule I | NL |
| Plain Hedge Blue | <i>Celastrina lavendularis</i> | + | + | + | NE | NLP | NL |
| Lime Blue | <i>Chilades lajus</i> | + | - | - | NE | Schedule I | NL |
| Indian Cupid | <i>Everes lacturnus</i> | + | + | - | NE | NLP | NL |
| Dark Grass Blue | <i>Zizeeria karsandra</i> | + | + | + | NE | NLP | NL |
| Lesser Grass Blue | <i>Zizina otis</i> | + | + | + | LC | NLP | NL |
| Pale Grass Blue | <i>Pseudozizeeria maha</i> | + | + | + | NE | NLP | NL |
| Tiny Grass Blue | <i>Zizula hylax</i> | + | + | + | NE | NLP | NL |

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| Tailless Lineblue | <i>Prosotas dubiosa</i> | + | + | + | NE | NLP | NL |
| Common Lineblue | <i>Prosotas nora</i> | + | + | + | NE | Schedule II | NL |
| Purple Leaf Blue | <i>Amblypodia anita</i> | + | - | - | NE | Schedule II | NL |
| Large Oakblue | <i>Arhopala amantes</i> | + | - | - | NE | NLP | NL |
| Centaur Oakblue | <i>Arhopala centaurus</i> | + | + | - | NE | Schedule II | NL |
| Common Tinsel | <i>Catapaecilma major</i> | + | - | - | NE | NLP | NL |
| Cornelian | <i>Deudorix epijarbas</i> | + | - | - | NE | Schedule I | NL |
| Indigo Flash | <i>Rapala varuna</i> | + | - | - | NE | Schedule II | NL |
| Pointed Ciliate Blue | <i>Anthene lycaenina</i> | - | + | - | NE | Schedule II | NL |
| Apefly | <i>Spalgis epius</i> | - | + | - | NE | NLP | NL |
| Common Hedge Blue | <i>Acytolepis puspa</i> | - | + | - | NE | NLP | NL |
| Forget-me-not | <i>Catochrysops strabo</i> | - | - | - | NE | NLP | NL |
| Common Cerulean | <i>Jamides celeno</i> | - | + | - | NE | NLP | NL |
| Zebra Blue | <i>Leptotes plinius</i> | - | + | - | NE | NLP | NL |
| Pea Blue | <i>Lampides boeticus</i> | - | + | - | LC | Schedule II | NL |
| Gram Blue | <i>Euchrysops cnejus</i> | - | + | - | NE | Schedule II | NL |
| Malayan | <i>Megisba malaya</i> | - | + | - | NE | Schedule II | NL |
| Plains Cupid | <i>Chilades pandava</i> | - | - | + | NE | NLP | NL |
| Nymphalidae - Brush-footed butterflies | | | | | | | |
| Club Beak | <i>Libythea myrrha</i> | + | - | - | NE | NLP | NL |
| Glassy Tiger | <i>Parantica aglea</i> | + | - | - | NE | NLP | NL |
| Dark Blue Tiger | <i>Tirumala septentrionis</i> | + | - | - | NE | NLP | NL |
| Striped Tiger | <i>Danaus genutia</i> | + | + | + | NE | Schedule I | NL |
| Common Crow | <i>Euploea core</i> | + | + | - | NE | NLP | NL |
| Double-branded Crow | <i>Euploea sylvester</i> | + | - | - | NE | NLP | NL |
| Indian Nawab | <i>Charaxes bharata</i> | + | + | + | NE | NLP | NL |
| Malabar Glad-eye Bushbrown | <i>Mycalesis junonia</i> | + | + | + | NE | NLP | NL |
| Palni Bushbrown | <i>Telinga davisoni</i> | + | + | - | NE | NLP | NL |
| Tamil Treebrown | <i>Lethe drypetis</i> | + | + | - | NE | NLP | NL |
| Common Five-Ring | <i>Ypthima baldus</i> | + | + | - | NE | NLP | NL |
| Common Four-Ring | <i>Ypthima huebneri</i> | + | + | - | NE | NLP | NL |
| White Four Ring | <i>Ypthima ceylonica</i> | + | + | - | NE | NLP | NL |
| Common Evening Brown | <i>Melanitis leda</i> | + | - | - | LC | NLP | NL |
| Rustic | <i>Cupha erymanthis</i> | + | - | - | NE | NLP | NL |
| Common Leopard | <i>Phalanta phalantha</i> | + | - | - | LC | NLP | NL |
| Commander | <i>Moduza procris</i> | + | - | - | NE | NLP | NL |
| Blackvein Sergeant | <i>Athyma ranga</i> | + | - | - | NE | Schedule II | NL |
| Common Lascar | <i>Pantoporia hordonia</i> | + | + | - | NE | NLP | NL |
| Common Sailer | <i>Neptis hylas</i> | + | + | - | NE | NLP | NL |
| Chestnut-streaked Sailer | <i>Neptis jumbah</i> | + | - | - | NE | NLP | NL |
| Clear Sailer | <i>Neptis nata</i> | + | - | - | NE | Schedule II | NL |
| Angled Castor | <i>Ariadne ariadne</i> | + | + | - | NE | NLP | NL |
| Common Castor | <i>Ariadne merione</i> | + | + | - | NE | NLP | NL |
| Blue Admiral | <i>Kaniska canace</i> | + | - | - | NE | NLP | NL |
| Grey Pansy | <i>Junonia atlites</i> | + | - | - | NE | NLP | NL |

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|--|---------------------------------|---|---|---|----|-------------|----|
| Chocolate Pansy | <i>Junonia iphita</i> | + | + | - | NE | NLP | NL |
| Great Eggfly | <i>Hypolimnas bolina</i> | + | - | - | NE | NLP | NL |
| Short Banded Sailer | <i>Phaedyma columella</i> | + | - | - | NE | NLP | NL |
| Tamil Yeoman | <i>Cirrochroa thais</i> | - | + | - | NE | NLP | NL |
| Tawny Rajah | <i>Charaxes bernardus</i> | - | + | - | NE | Schedule II | NL |
| Yellow Pansy | <i>Junonia hierta</i> | - | + | - | LC | NLP | NL |
| Lemon Pansy | <i>Junonia lemonias</i> | - | + | - | NE | NLP | NL |
| Plain Tiger | <i>Danaus chrysippus</i> | - | + | - | LC | NLP | NL |
| Blue Tiger | <i>Tirumala limniace</i> | - | + | + | NE | NLP | NL |
| Tawny Coster | <i>Acraea terpsicore</i> | - | - | + | NE | NLP | NL |
| Common Treebrown | <i>Lethe rohria</i> | - | - | + | NE | NLP | NL |
| Tamil Bushbrown | <i>Mycalesis subdita</i> | - | - | + | NE | NLP | NL |
| Danaid Eggfly | <i>Hypolimnas misippus</i> | - | - | + | NE | Schedule I | NL |
| Hesperiidae - Skipper butterflies | | | | | | | |
| Common Orange Awlet | <i>Burara jaina</i> | + | - | - | NE | NLP | NL |
| White Banded Awl | <i>Hasorata minatus</i> | + | - | - | NE | NLP | NL |
| Small branded swift | <i>Pelopidas mathias</i> | + | - | + | NE | NLP | NL |
| Chestnut Bob | <i>Iambrix salsala</i> | + | + | + | NE | NLP | NL |
| Dark Palm-Dart | <i>Telicota bambusae</i> | + | + | - | NE | NLP | NL |
| Tree Flitter | <i>Hyarotis adrastus</i> | + | - | - | NE | Schedule IV | NL |
| Tamil grass dart | <i>Taractrocera ceramas</i> | + | - | + | NE | NLP | NL |
| Common Spotted Flat | <i>Celaenorrhinus leucocera</i> | + | + | - | NE | NLP | NL |
| Fulvous Pied Flat | <i>Pseudocoladenia dan</i> | + | - | - | NE | NLP | NL |
| Restricted Demon | <i>Notocrypta curvifascia</i> | - | + | - | NE | NLP | NL |
| Common Banded Demon | <i>Notocrypta paralysos</i> | - | + | + | NE | NLP | NL |
| Indian Dartlet | <i>Oriens goloides</i> | + | - | + | NE | NLP | NL |
| Moore's ace | <i>Halpe porus</i> | - | - | + | NE | NLP | NL |

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Appendix of images of butterflies taken during the survey



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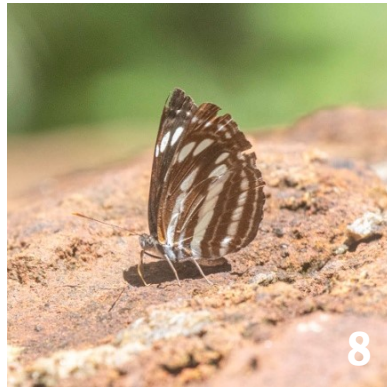
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1. Tailless Lineblue - *Prosotas dubiosa* | 2. Tamil Bushbrown - *Mycaliesis subdita* | 3. Tamil Grass Dart - *Taractrocera ceramas* | 4. Common Five-ring - *Ypthima baldus* | 5. Red Pierrot - *Talicauda nyseus* | 6. Striped Tiger - *Danaus genutia* | 7. Common Grass Yellow - *Eurema hecabe* | 8. Clear Sailer - *Neptis nata* | 9. Palni Bushbrown - *Telinga davisoni* | 10. Common Pierrot - *Castalius rosimon* | 11. Dark Palm-Dart - *Telicota bambusae* | 12. Plain Orange-tip - *Colotis aurora* | © Vinod Sadhasivan & Paulmathi Vinod.



13. Angled Pierrot - *Caleta decidia* | **14.** Double-branded Crow - *Euploea sylvester* | **15.** Common Treebrown - *Lethe rohria* | **16.** Common Lascar - *Pantoporia hordonia* | **17.** Common Nawab - *Charaxes bhārata* | **18.** Common Sailer - *Neptis hylas* | **19.** Common Leopard - *Phalanta phalantha* | **20.** Common Emigrant - *Catopsilia pomona* | **21.** Common Banded Demon - *Notocrypta paralyos* | **22.** Orange awlet - *Burara jaina* | **23.** Black-vein Sergeant - *Athyma ranga* | **24.** Common Albatross - *Appias albina* | © Vinod Sadhasivan & Paulmathi Vinod.



25. Plain Tiger - *Danaus chrysippus* | **26.** Great Eggfly - *Hypolimnas bolina* | **27.** White Banded Awl - *Hasora taminatus* | **28.** Plains Cupid - *Chilades pandava* | **29.** Large Oakblue - *Arhopala amantes* | **30.** Indian Tawny Rajah - *Charaxes bernardus* | **31.** Common Castor - *Ariadne merione* | **32.** Pale Grass Blue - *Pseudozizeeria maha* | **33.** Malayan - *Megisba malaya* | **34.** Blue Tiger - *Tirumala limniace* | **35.** Plain Hedge Blue - *Celastrina lavendularis* | **36.** Common Cerulean - *Jamides celeno* | © Vinod Sadhasivan & Paulmathi Vinod.



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37. Common Hedge Blue - *Acytolepis puspa* | **38.** Angled Castor - *Ariadne ariadne* | **39.** Blue Admiral - *Kaniska canace* | **40.** Yellow Orange-tip - *Ixias pyrene* | **41.** Blue Mormon - *Papilio polymnestor* | **42.** Chestnut Bob - *Iambrix salsala* | **43.** Dark Grass Blue - *Zizeeria karsandra* | **44.** Club Beak - *Libythea myrrha* | **45.** Commander - *Moduza procris* | **46.** Common Mormon - *Papilio polytes* | **47.** Common Four-ring - *Ypthima huebneri* | **48** Apefly - *Spalgis epius* | © Vinod Sadhasivan & Paulmathi Vinod.



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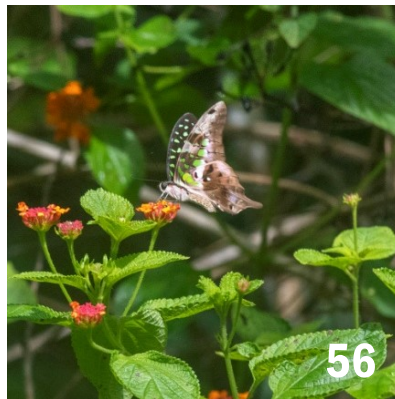
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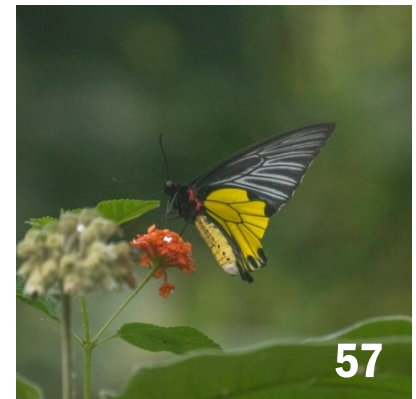
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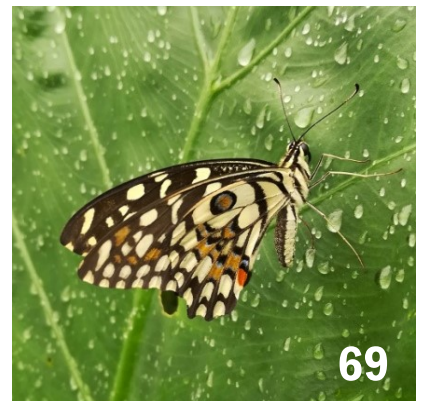
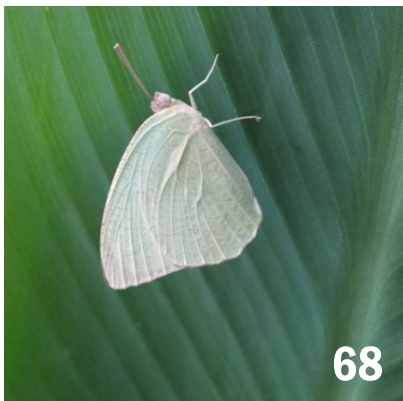


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49. Moore's Ace - *Halpe porus* | 50. White Four-ring - *Ypthima ceylonica* | 51. Common Crow - *Euploea core* | 52. Indian Dartlet - *Oriens goloides* | 53. Tiny Grass Blue - *Zizula hylax* | 54. Three-spot Grass Yellow - *Eurema blanda* | 55. Indian Cupid - *Everes lacturnus* | 56. Tailed Jay - *Graphium agamemnon* | 57. Southern Birdwing - *Troides minos* | 58. Glassy Tiger - *Parantica aglea* | 59. Pointed Ciliate Blue - *Anthene lycaenina* | 60. Common Gull - *Cepora nerissa* | © Vinod Sadhasivan & Paulmathi Vinod.



61. Common Jay - *Graphium doson* | **62.** Danaid Eggfly - *Hypolimnas misippus* | **63.** Yellow Pansy - *Junonia hierta* | **64.** Forget-me-not - *Catochrysops strabo* | **65.** Small Grass Yellow - *Eurema brigitta* | **66.** Tawny Coster - *Acraea terpsicore* | **67.** Purple Leaf Blue - *Amblypodia anita* | **68.** Mottled Emigrant - *Catopsilia pyranthe* | **69.** Lime Butterfly - *Papilio demoleus* | **70.** Tree Flitter - *Hyarotis adrastus* | **71.** Lime Blue - *Chilades lajus* | **72.** Gram Blue - *Euchrysops cnejus* | © Vinod Sadhasivan & Paulmathi Vinod.



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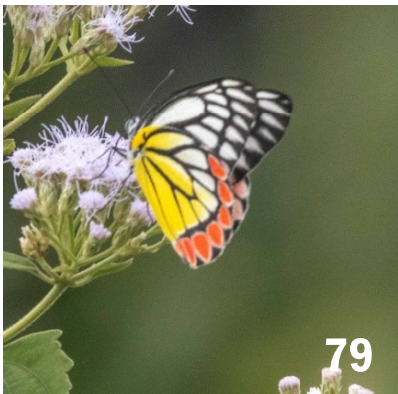
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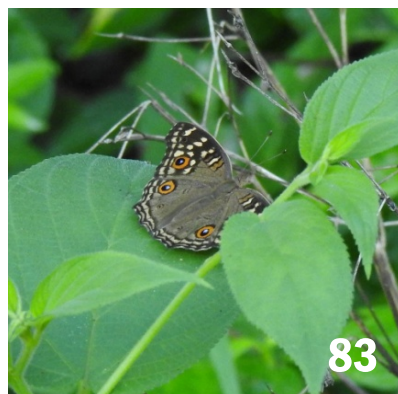
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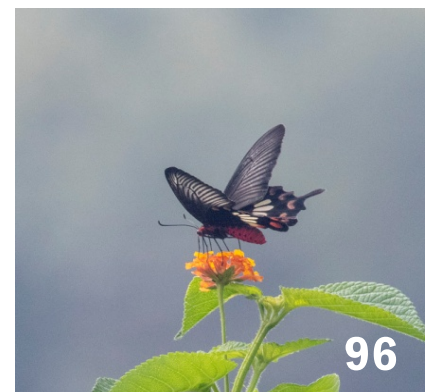
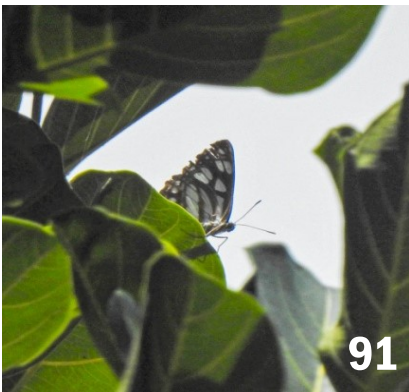


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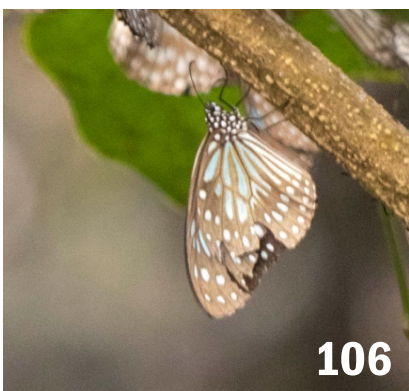
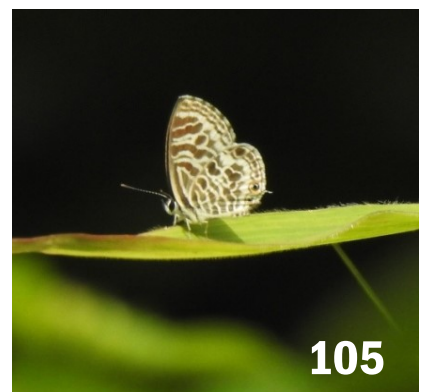
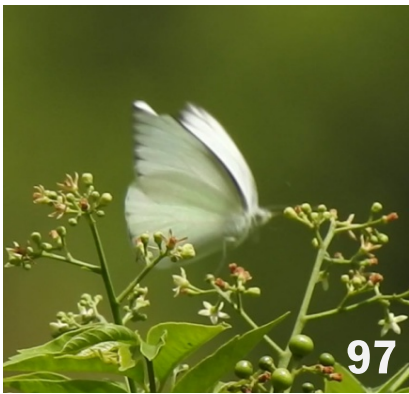


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73. Common Tinsel - *Catapaecilma major* | **74.** Grey Pansy - *Junonia atlites* | **75.** Tamil Treebrown - *Lethe drypetis* | **76.** Southern Bluebottle - *Graphium terephon* | **77.** Rustic - *Cupha erymanthis* | **78** Fulvous Pied Flat - *Pseudocoladenia dan* | **79.** Common Jezebel - *Delias eucharis* | **80.** Cornelian - *Deudorix epjarbas* | **81.** Common Evening Brown - *Melanitis leda* | **82.** Double-banded Judy - *Abisara bifasciata* | **83.** Lemon Pansy - *Junonia lemonias* | **84.** Chestnut-streaked Sailer - *Neptis jumbah* | © Vinod Sadhasivan & Paulmathi Vinod.



85. Restricted Demon - *Notocrypta curvifascia* | **86.** Malabar Glad-eye Bushbrown - *Mycalesis junonia* | **87.** Great Orange-tip - *Hebomoia glaucippe* | **88.** Small Branded swift - *Pelopidas mathias* | **89.** Pea Blue - *Lampides boeticus* | **90.** Tamil Yeoman - *Cirrochroa thais* | **91.** Short-banded Sailer - *Neptis columella* | **92.** Pioneer - *Belenois aurota* | **93.** Lesser Grass Blue - *Zizina otis* | **94.** Centaur Oakblue - *Arhopala centaurus* | **95.** Chocolate Pansy - *Junonia iphita* | **96.** Common Rose - *Pachliopta aristolochiae* | © Vinod Sadhasivan & Paulmathi Vinod.



97. Striped Albatross - *Appias libythea* | **98.** Common Small Flat - *Sarangesa dasahara* | **99.** Common Lineblue - *Prosotas nora* | **100.** Indian Sunbeam - *Curetis thetis* | **101.** Common Wanderer - *Pareronia hippia* | **102.** Psyche - *Leptosia nina* | **103.** Crimson Rose - *pachliopta hector* | **104.** Indigo Flash - *Rapala varuna* | **105.** Zebra Blue - *Leptotes plinius* | **106.** Dark Blue Tiger - *Tirumala septentrionis* | © Vinod Sadhasivan & Paulmathi Vinod.

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