Butterfly Biodiversity in Singapore with Particular Reference to the Central Catchment Nature Reserve

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Abstract

A total of 381 butterfly species have now been recorded in Singapore of which 18 are new records since 1990. Of this total, 236 species (62%) were recorded during the present survey. All except 8 (3%) of these occur within the Nature Reserves and 148 (63%) were recorded only within the Nature Reserves. A total of 74 species (31%) within the Reserves were considered very rare.

Introduction

The study of butterflies by amateurs is not new, and indeed, it is through the observations of these dedicated individuals that much important data have been accumulated over the years. The information on butterfly biodiversity in Singapore is, at most, sketchy. Most of the documentation of the species occurred done during the post-war years until the late 1960s. From our literature research, two references stand out: W.A. Fleming's Butterflies of West Malaysia and Singapore (1991) and Steven Corbet and Maurice Pendlebury's Butterflies of the Malay Peninsula (1992). Although the latest editions of the two reference books were published in the early 1990s, most of the updates referred only to the Peninsular Malaysia. Collating data from these reference books, the last known total species count for Singapore Island was 363 (Corbet & Pendlebury, 1992).

Only recently has a concerted effort been made to study and establish the status of butterfly biodiversity in Singapore. This paper presents our observations and findings with particular reference to the Central Catchment Nature Reserve. With continued support from the National Parks Board there is an opportunity to undertake a long-term butterfly biodiversity survey in Singapore so that the knowledge of the status of species of butterflies will increase and a greater understanding of these beautiful creatures will be established.

Methods

Field surveys were conducted from 1990 to 1997 in and around various

areas in Singapore. In particular, many of the surveys were concentrated within and around the Central Catchment Nature Reserve. For the surveys, we used a simple method of selecting sites based on available information of known or marked routes. Field surveys were based on visual identification but where necessary, specimens were captured for closer inspection and subsequently released, or were kept in a reference collection. Where possible, the number of individuals was noted, and other observations like male/female or special activities were also documented. However, it should be noted that for two of the families, Lycaenidae and Hesperiidae, there are limitations to field identification, and even in a set reference collection, the correct identification of certain species may be difficult. Whilst all attempts have been made to identify the species correctly, it is hoped that the data from future surveys and scientific studies will provide opportunities for counterchecking and confirmation.

Results and Discussion

To establish a reference database on the butterfly biodiversity in Singapore, a comprehensive checklist of the species observed during the last seven years has been compiled (Table 1). Of the 363 species previously known species in Singapore, a total of 218 (or 60%) was accounted for. A further 18 new records were observed, making a total of 236 extant species (Appendix 1). Not all species were located within the Central Catchment Nature Reserves.

Summary Analysis by Family

About 60% of the species previously identified as existing in Singapore can still be found. Many of the larger and showy species are still evident, although some species are extremely rare with only a few individuals observed. The family Papilionidae (Plate 1a–f) is currently represented by 13 species in Singapore. It can be safely concluded that two species, Malayan Birdwing *Troides amphrysus ruficollis* and Great Blue Mime *Chilasa paradoxa aenigma*, recorded earlier have since become extinct. A surprising find is Blue Helen *Papilio prexaspes prexaspes*. It is highly unlikely that the earlier authors missed such a large butterfly. We can only speculate that the species has migrated south from Peninsular Malaysia and has since established a small colony.

The family Pieridae seems to have suffered a significant drop in biodiversity over the years. Only 15 out of the original 23 species still survive in Singapore. However, the *Eurema* species, particularly, Common

Table 1. Survey of Butterfly Biodiversity - Species Count.

Family	Subfamily	Literature Records (A)	Sighted during survey period (B)	% of Original (C)	New Records (D)	Extant no. of species (B + D)	Total recorded for Singapore (A + D)
Papilionidae	Papilioninae	14	12	85.7	1	13	15
Pieridae	Pierinae	11	6	54.5	0	6	11
	Coliadinae	12	9	75.0	0	9	12
Nymphalidae	Danainae	18	13	72.2	0	13	18
	Satyrinae	17	16	94.1	1	17	18
	Morphinae ⁻	7	5	71.4	0	5	7
	Nymphalinae	51	37	72.5	4	41	55
	Charaxinae	5	2	40.0	0	2	5
Lycaenidae	Riodininae	6	3	50.0	0	3	6
	Poritiinae	3	2	66.7	0	2	3
	Miletinae	13	6	46.2	0	6	13
	Curetinae	5	2	40.0	0	2	5
	Lycaeninae	132	64	48.5	5	69	137
Hesperiidae	Coeliadinae	10	8	80.0	0	8	10
	Pyrginae	8	6	75.0	3	9	11
	Hesperiinae	51	27	52.9	4	31	55
TOTAL		363	218	58.6	18	236	381

Grass Yellow *Eurema hecabe contubernalis* enjoys the distinction of being the most common butterfly in Singapore and can often be found in abundance.

The family Nymphalidae is represented by 5 subfamilies in Singapore. A total of 13 species of the subfamily Danainae (Plate 2a–b) can still be found in Singapore. Most of these species can often be found swarming around flowering trees, e.g., *Syzygium* spp. (Myrtaceae) in the Nature Reserves. One species, Plain Tiger *Danaus chrysippus chrysippus* (Plate 2b) is decidedly local and can be found only in a few suburban locations. The subfamily Satyrinae (Plate 2c, d) records a healthy 94% of the original species known to exist in Singapore. Furthermore, one new record *Mycalesis perseoides perseoides* has been added to the Singapore checklist. Of notable interest is *Elymnias penanga penanga*, which still survives but only on Pulau Ubin. Most of the species in this subfamily feed on grasses,

bamboo, palms and other monocotyledons. Five of the original seven of the subfamily Morphinae still exist in Singapore, although most are forest butterflies that have become quite rare. As many of the species are attracted to fruit bait, it would be interesting to conduct bait trap experiments to establish the density of these species. Dark Blue Jungle Glory Thaumantis klugius lucipor is one of the most beautiful butterflies in the region, comparable to the Morpho of South America. The life history of the species is still unknown, although we suspect that it feeds on rattan or another palm. The subfamily Nymphalinae (Plate 3a-c) records a total of 37 of the original 51 species that existed in Singapore. The majority of the species can be found in the nature reserves. It is interesting to note that we have observed four new records, Lace Sergeant Athyma pravara helma, Plain Lacewing Cethosia penthesilia methypsea, Neptis harita harita and Lexias dirtea merguia (Plate 3c) for Singapore. One species, Neptis harita harita is restricted in distribution, and can only be found in the Mandai area. It is likely that this species migrated from Malaysia in recent years and the colony in Singapore is highly dependent on a hitherto unknown food plant somewhere in the northern part of Singapore. Only two of the original five species of the subfamily Charaxinae (Plate 3d) have been observed in Singapore recently. Both species are rather rare and are not often seen. Although the Blue Nawab Polyura schreiber tisamenus, is known to feed on leaves of the common rambutan, it has become extremely rare, as the food plant has seen a significant loss in popularity as a garden fruit tree in recent years, and also there have been severe changes in its favoured habitat.

The family Lycaenidae (Plates 4a–d, 5a–c) includes the largest number of species in both Malaysia and Singapore. Of the originally recorded 159 species, we have observed only 77 to date. However, many of the species in this family are difficult to identify with certainty, particularly in the genera *Arhopala*, *Jamides*, *Allotinus* and *Nacaduba*. Further intensive research and field collection would probably yield a greater number of species that have not been recorded in recent years.

Finally, the family Hesperiidae (Plate 5d–e), with 41 of the original 69 species found in Singapore, may also yield more species when more collecting data are available. It is interesting to note that we have discovered a total of seven new records for Singapore – the highest number of new records amongst the five butterfly families in Singapore.

Some Observations on Singapore Butterflies and Their Host Plants

The interrelation between butterflies and their caterpillar host plants cannot

be understated. Many species depend solely on one particular species of plant and will obviously become extinct, if the host plant is no longer available.

Interestingly, the adaptation of certain species is remarkable, in that due to some evolutionary process, these species have been found to feed on other plants. One such case is the species Common Faun Faunis canens arcesilas. From established literature (Corbet & Pendlebury, 1992), this species was reported to feed on a species of wild banana (Musa sp.). However, we have discovered that the species in Singapore feeds on Fish Tail Palm (Caryota mitis, Arecaceae).

Another species, The Common Tit Hypolycaena erylus teatus (Plate 5c), was known to feed on Vangueria spinosa (Rubiaceae) and Cinnamomum verum (Lauraceae), (Corbet & Pendlebury, 1992). However, we made a startling find here in Singapore, when we discovered the caterpillars of this species, feeding on Javanese Ixora (Ixora javanica, Rubiaceae), planted at the road shoulder along busy Victoria Street in downtown Singapore!

Eurema species, on the other hand, have been found on several types of Leguminosae such as Cassia, Acacia, Caesalpinia and Albizia. The species' versatility in their host plants seem to explain why they are often abundant in many areas in Singapore. It is interesting to note that the species Common Grass Yellow Eurema hecabe contubernalis, does not seem to have any preference for large- or small-leafed plants. We have seen a female of the species lay her eggs on both Peacock Flower (Caesalpinia pulcherrima, Leguminosae) and Seven Golden Candlesticks (Cassia alata, Leguminosae) planted in adjacent pots. The caterpillars were bred to adulthood with no apparent difference or distinction in size or colouration.

Orange Emigrant Catopsilia scylla scylla appears to be confined to urban areas where its host plant, Cassia biflora, is grown as a roadside tree. It is not unusual to find the butterfly, which is fast on the wing, darting between the rush hour traffic along Shenton Way. We have not encountered this species in the Nature Reserves.

Some Observations on Habitats and Feeding Preferences of Singapore Butterflies

Many butterflies species that we recorded during the surveys were observed whilst feeding. Favourite flowering bushes of many species of butterflies are Prickly Lantana (Lantana camara, Verbenaceae), Singapore Rhododendron (Melastoma malabathricum, Melastomataceae), Common

Asystasia (Asystasia gangetica spp. micrantha, Acanthaceae), Mile-a-Minute (Mikania micrantha, Compositae) and Common Snakeweed (Stachytarpheta indica, Verbenaceae). Occasionally, we encountered a flowering tree in the Nature Reserves, which was literally swarmed with butterflies. Some of the Syzygium species when in full bloom are particularly attractive to butterflies. Species of the families Papilionidae, Pieridae and Nymphalidae are attracted to roadside seepages and damp muddy banks where they imbibe the liquid nutrients from the ground.

Many species are also attracted to rotting fruit like pineapple, papaya and banana and certain species of butterflies feed on rotting fruits of figs (*Ficus* spp.) on the forest floor. Of particular interest is the Dark Blue Jungle Glory *Thaumantis klugius lucipor*, one of the most beautiful species of the Morphinae subfamily, which is reported to avoid fruit bait (Corbet & Pendlebury, 1992). However, we have observed an individual female of this species feeding on the rotting berries on the forest floor. This suggests that it can be captured with a bait trap, provided that its preferred menu is offered.

Several species of the subfamily Danainae are attracted to dried plants of Indian Heliotrope (*Heliotropium indicum*, Boraginaceae).

Conclusions

Although the biodiversity of butterflies in Singapore may be considered fair, a number of species observed were represented by only a single specimen. There is cause for more effort on the conservation of remaining nature reserves in Singapore to maintain what is left of the flora on which the butterflies depend on for survival. As studies on identifying the host plants for the different species of butterflies is far from complete, it is necessary to conserve as much plant biodiversity in the Nature Reserves as possible.

For the known host plants, it would be useful to identify possible locations where these species may be planted without danger of being sprayed with pesticides and other chemicals that are harmful to the caterpillars and egg-laying females. Whilst the Nature Reserves would be the obvious choice for establishing these plants, urban and suburban areas may also be considered. Some examples of roadside trees e.g., Cassia fistula, Cassia biflora, Cerbera odollam (Apocynaceae) and others are already supporting certain species in the public housing areas. "Butterfly gardens" could be incorporated into school ecogardens, government-owned premises such as bin centres, power substations and other utility buildings – where the plants could be cultivated and left to be eaten by the caterpillars without

too much concern for the aesthetic appearance of the plants themselves. Even a small area of the Singapore Botanical Gardens could be set aside to cultivate insecticide-free host plants.

If the cultivation of host plants is more widespread, there will also need to be adequate flowering plants to support the adult butterflies. In this case, there is less concern about where these flowering plants could be grown. In fact, our parks and green areas are ideal for planting *Ixora*, *Lantana camara*, and other nectar-rich flowering plants that the adult butterflies depend on for sustenance.

There is also scope for a pilot study on the re-introduction of some of the more spectacular species of butterflies that have become extinct in Singapore. For example, we could import the pupae of the "birdwing" species Malayan Birdwing *Troides amphrysus ruficollis* and release the adult butterflies in areas where its food plant Dutchman's Pipe *Aristolochia tagala*, is cultivated and monitor the survival rate of the species. As the host plant is indigenous, it does no threat to Singapore's flora. However, care must be taken to ensure that the re-introduction will not be at the expense of existing species of butterflies which share the same host plant.

There is still much to learn and do, and we hope that this paper will help in a small way to increase the knowledge of our butterflies and to help preserve them for Singapore's future generations.

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Appendix 1. Checklist of Butterflies in Singapore.

Legend for Status

Very Rare - An average of 1–5 individuals observed per year Rare - An average of 6–20 individuals observed per year Common - An average of 21–50 individuals observed per year Very Common - An average of 51 or more individuals observed per year

Legend for Habitat

- 1. Not present in the Nature Reserves
- 2. Present in the Reserves and other Locations Outside the Nature Reserves
- 3. Present Only in the Nature Reserves
- 4. Largely Confined to the Reserves with an Occasional Record Outside the Nature Reserves

No.	Species	Common Name	Status	Habitat
	Family PAPILIONIDAE — Subfami	ly PAPILIONINAE		
1.	Chilasa clytia clytia	Common Mime	Rare	2
2.	Graphium agamemnon agamemnon	Tailed Green Jay	Common	2
3.	Graphium evemon eventus	119	Very Common	4
4.	Graphium sarpedon luctatius	Common Bluebottle	Very Common	4
5.	Pachliopta aristolochiae asteris	Common Rose	Rare	2
6.	Papilio demoleus malayanus	Lime Butterfly	Very Common	2
7.	Papilio demolion demolion	Banded Swallowtail	Rare	2
8.	Papilio iswara iswara	Great Helen	Rare	3
9.	Papilio memnon agenor	Great Mormon	Common	2
10.	Papilio polytes romulus	Common Mormon	Very Common	2
11.	Papilio prexaspes prexaspes	Blue Helen	Very Rare	3
12.	Pathysa antiphates itamputi	Five Bar Swordtail	Rare	3
13.	Troides helena cerberus	Common Birdwing	Rare	2
	Chilasa paradoxa aenigma	Great Blue Mime	Extinct	
	Troides amphrysus ruficollis	Malayan Birdwing	Extinct	
	Family PIERIDAE — Subfamily PIE	CRINAE		
14.	Appias libythea olferna	Striped Albatross	Very Common	2
15.	Appias lyncida vasava*1	Chocolate Albatross	Very Rare	2
16.	Delias hyparete metarete	Painted Jezebel	Very Common	2
17.	Delias pasithoe parthenope*2	n-su	Very Rare	1
18.	Leptosia nina malayana	Psyche	Rare	2
19.	Pieris canidia malayica	Cabbage White	Common	1
	Appias nero figulna	Orange Albatross	Extinct	
	Cepora iudith malaya	Orange Gull	Extinct	
	Delias singhapura singhapura		Extinct	
	Pareronia valeria lutescens	Wanderer	Extinct	
	Saletara liberia distanti	Malayan Albatross	Extinct	

No.	Species	Common Name	Status	Habitat
	Family PIERIDAE — Subfamily CO	LIADINAE		
20.	Catopsilia pomona pomona	Common Emigrant	Very Common	2
21.	Catopsilia pyranthe pyranthe	Mottled Emigrant	Rare	2
22.	Catopsilia scylla scylla	Orange Emigrant	Common	1
23.	Eurema andersonii andersonii	-	Rare	3
24.	Eurema blanda snelleni	Three Spot Grass Yellow	Very Common	2
25.	Eurema hecabe contubernalis	Common Grass Yellow	Very Common	2
26.	Eurema sari sodalis	Chocolate Grass Yellow	Very Common	2
27.	Eurema simulatrix tecmessa	ar English to local and	Very Common	2
28.	Gandaca harina distanti	Tree Yellow	Common	3
	Dercas verhuelli herodorus	•	Extinct	
	Eurema ada iona		Extinct	
	Eurema brigitta senna	Person of the second	Extinct	
	Family NYMPHALIDAE — Subfam	nily DANAINAE		
29.	Danaus chrysippus chrysippus*3	Plain Tiger	Very Rare	2
30.	Danaus genutia genutia	Common Tiger	Common	2
31.	Danaus melanippus hegesippus	Black Veined Tiger	Rare	2
32.	Euploea camaralzeman malayica*4	Malayan Crow	Very Rare	3
33.	Euploea crameri bremeri	Spotted Black Crow	Rare	4
34.	Euploea eyndhovii gardineri	Striped Black Crow	Rare	3
35.	Euploea midamus singapura	Spotted Blue Crow	Rare	4
36.	Euploea mulciber mulciber	Striped Blue Crow	Common	2
37.	Euploea phaenareta castelnaui	King Crow	Common	2
38.	Euploea radamanthus radamanthus	Magpie Crow	Common	4
39.	Idea stolli logani	Common Tree Nymph	Common	3
40.	Ideopsis vulgaris macrina	Blue Glassy Tiger	Very Common	2
41.	Parantica agleoides agleoides	Dark Glassy Tiger	Very Common	2
	Euploea eunice lencogonis	Blue Branded King Crow	Common	3
	Euploea tulliolus ledereri	Dwarf Crow	Extinct	
	Idea leuconoe chersonesia	White Tree Nymph	Extinct	
	Ideopsis gaura perakana	Lesser WoodNymph	Extinct	
	Parantica aspasia aspasia	Yellow Glassy Tiger	Extinct	
	Family NYMPHALIDAE — Subfam			
42.	Elymnias hypermnestra agina	Common Palmfly	Very Common	2
43.	Elymnias panthera panthera	Tawny Palmfly	Rare	3
44.	Elymnias penanga penanga*5	- 1 P. F.	Very Rare	1
45.	Lethe europa malaya	Bamboo Tree Brown	Very Rare	3
46.	Melanitis leda leda	Common Evening Brown	Rare	2

No.	Species	Common Name	Status	Habitat
47.	Mycalesis fusca fusca	Malayan Bush Brown	Rare	3
48.	Mycalesis mineus macromalayana	Dark Brand Bush Brown	Very Common	2
49.	Mycalesis orseis nautilus	Purple Bush Brown	Rare	3
50.	Mycalesis perseoides perseoides	-	Rare	2
51.	Mycalesis perseus cepheus		Common	2
52.	Mycalesis visala phamis	-	Rare	3
53.	Orsotriaena medus cinerea	Nigger	Very Common	2
54.	Ypthima baldus newboldi	Common Five Ring	Common	2
55.	Ypthima fasciata torone*6	-	Very Rare	3
56.	Ypthima horsfieldi humei* ⁷		Very Rare	3
57.	Ypthima huebneri	Common Four Ring	Very Common	4
58.	Ypthima pandocus corticaria	Common Three Ring	Very Common	2
	Elymnias esaca esaca	-	Extinct	
	Family NYMPHALIDAE — Subfan	nily MORPHINAE		
59.	Amathusia phidippus phidippus	Palm King	Rare	4
60.	Discophora sondaica despoliata*8		Very Rare	3
61.	Faunis canens arcesilas	Common Faun	Common	3
62.	Thaumantis klugius lucipor	Dark Blue Jungle Glory	Very Rare	3
63.	Zeuxidia amethystus amethystus	Saturn	Common	3
	Thaumantis noureddin noureddin	Dark Jungle Glory	Extinct .	
	Zeuxidia doubledayi doubledayi		Extinct	
	Family NYMPHALIDAE — Subfan	nily NYMPHALINAE		
64.	Athyma asura idita		Very Rare	3
65.	Athyma kanwa kanwa	프 9	Very Rare	3
66.	Athyma nefte subrata	Colour Sergeant	Rare	3
67.	Athyma pravara helma	Lance Sergeant	Very Rare	3
68.	Athyma reta moorei	-:	Very Rare	3
69.	Cethosia hypsea hypsina	Malay Lacewing	Very Common	4
70.	Cethosia penthesilia methypsea*9	Plain Lacewing	Very Rare	2
71.	Chersonesia peraka peraka*10	- 4	Very Rare	3
72.	Cirrochroa orissa orissa	Banded Yeoman	Very Rare	3
73.	Cupha erymanthis lotis	Rustic	Rare	3
74.	Eulaceura osteria kumana	Althought La	Very Common	3
75.	Euripus nyctelius euploeoides	Courtesan	Rare	3
76.	Euthalia aconthea gurda	Baron	Very Rare	2
77.	Euthalia adonia pinwilli	1-01	Very Rare	3
78.	Euthalia monina monina	Malay Baron	Common	3
79.	Hypolimnas anomala anomala	Malayan Eggfly	Very Common	2
80.	Hypolimnas bolina bolina	Great Eggfly	Very Common	4
81.	Hypolimnas misippus misippus*11	menute Charlet I	Very Rare	3

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82.	Junonia almana javana	Peacock Pansy	Rare	2
83.	Junonia atlites atlites	Grey Pansy	Rare	2
34.	Junonia hedonia ida	Chocolate Pansy	Very Common	
35.	Junonia orithya wallacei	Blue Pansy	Common	2 2 3
36.	Lasippa heliodore dorelia		Rare	3
37.	Lasippa tiga siaka	Burmese Lascar	Common	3
38.	Lebadea martha parkeri	Knight	Rare	4
39.	Lexias canescens pardalina	-	Very Rare	3
00.	Lexias dirtea merguia		Rare	3
91.	Lexias pardalis dirteana	Archduke	Very Common	3
	Moduza procris milonia	Commander	Very Common	3
	Neptis harita harita*12		Rare	3
	Neptis hylas papaja	Common Sailor	Rare	4
95.	Neptis leucoporos cresina	-	Very Common	3
	Pandita sinope sinope	4	Rare	3
	Pantoporia hordonia	Common Lascar	Rare	3
98.	Pantoporia paraka paraka	-	Rare	3
99.	Phaedyma columella singa	Short Banded Sailor	Common	2
	Phalantha phalantha phalantha	Leopard	Common	2
	Tanaecia iapis puseda	Horsfield's Baron	Common	3
	Tanaecia pelea pelea	Malay Viscount	Very Common	4
		Royal Assyrian	Rare	3
	Terinos terpander robertsia	Cruiser		3
104.	Vindula dejone erotella Ariadne ariadne ariadne	77.77.77.7	Very Common	3
		Angled Castor	Extinct	
	Athyma perius perius	Common Sergeant	Extinct	
	Bassarona teuta goodrichi	Banded Marquis	Extinct	
	Chersonesia rahria rahria	Wavy Maplet	Extinct	
	Dophla evelina compta	-	Extinct	
	Euthalia djata rubidifascia	.=	Extinct	
	Euthalia merta merta	-	Extinct	
	Neptis miah batara	-	Extinct	
	Pantoporia aurelia aurelia	:* *	Extinct	
	Pantoporia dindinga	-	Extinct	
	Pantoporia sandaka sandaka	-	Extinct	
	Parthenos sylvia lilacinus	Clipper	Extinct	
	Tanaecia godartii puloa	Malay Count	Extinct	
	Vagrans egista macromalayana	Vagrant	Extinct	
	Family NYMPHALIDAE — Subfa	mily CHARAXINAE		
105.	Polyura hebe plautus	-	Rare	3
106.	Polyura schreiber tisamenus	Blue Nawab	Very Rare	3
	Charaxes bernadus crepax	Tawny Rajah	Extinct	
	Polyura moori moori		Extinct	
	Prothoe franck uniformis	-	Extinct	
	Family LYCAENIDAE — Subfami	lv RIODININAE		
107	Abisara geza niya	-	Rare	3
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No.	Species	Common Name	Status	Habitat
108.	Abisara savitri savitri		Rare	3
109.	Laxita thuisto thuisto	Lesser Harlequin	Rare	3
	Abisara saturata kausambioides	Malayan Plum Judy	Extinct	
	Taxila haquinus haquinus	Harlequin	Extinct	
	Zemeros flegyas albipunctatus	Punchinello	Extinct	
	Family LYCAENIDAE — Subfamily	PORITIINAE		
110.	Poritia philota philota	4	Very Rare	3
	Poritia sumatrae sumatrae	Sumatran Gem	Rare	3
	Simiskina phalia potina	Blue Brilliant	Extinct	
	Family LYCAENIDAE — Subfamily	MILETINAE		
112.	Allotinus unicolor unicolor	Lesser Darkie	Rare	3
	Logania marmorata damis		Rare	3
	Miletus biggsii biggsii	Bigg's Brownie	Common	2
	Miletus gopara gopara	-	Rare	3
	Miletus symethus petronius*13	*	Rare	3
	Spalgis epius epius	, and a distribution of the control	Very Rare	2
	Allotinus davidis	\$5.11	Extinct	
	Allotinus horsfieldi nessus	# m h	Extinct	
	Allotinus strigatus malayanus	20	Extinct	
	Allotinus substrigosus substrigosus	20	Extinct	
	Allotinus subviolaceus alkamah	-	Extinct	
	Liphyra brassolis abbreviata	The Moth Butterfly	Extinct	
	Miletus gaesa gaesa	* , '	Extinct	
	Family LYCAENIDAE — Subfamily	CURETINAE		
118.	Curetis santana malayica	Malayan Sunbeam	Common	2
	Curetis saronis sumatrana*14		Very Rare	1
	Curetis bulis stigmata	a.	Extinct	
	Curetis regula		Extinct	
	Curetis sperthis sperthis	-	Extinct	
	Family LYCAENIDAE — Subfamily	LYCAENINAE		
120.	Acytolepis puspa lambi	Common Hedge	Common	3
	April 19 September	Blue		
	Anthene emolus goberus	Ciliate Blue	Rare	4
	Anthene lycaenina miya	•	Rare	4
	Arhopala abseus abseus		Rare	3
	Arhopala aedias agnis	Large Metallic Oak Blue	Rare	4
	Arhopala ammon ammon	Let (Very Rare	3
126.	Arhopala amphimuta amphimuta	· F 137	Very Rare	3
127.	Arhopala antimuta antimuta	-	Rare	3
	Arhopala athada athada	F - 1	Rare	3
129.	Arhopala atosia malayana	Tailed Disc Oak	Very Rare	3
		Blue		

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130.	Arhopala aurea	-	Rare	3
	Arhopala epimuta epiala	device B	Rare	3
	Arhopala major major	NEW YORK THE RESERVE	Rare	3
	Arhopala myrzala lammas	really as an arrange of	Very Rare	3
	Arhopala pseudocentaurus nakula	fauf man	Rare	2
	Arhopala pseudomuta pseudomuta	Raffles' Oak Blue	Rare	3
	Arhopala trogon*15	723V71	Very Rare	3
	Caleta elna elvira	Elbowed Pierrot	Rare	3
	Castalius rosimon rosimon*16	14.12	Very Rare	3
139.	Catochrysops panormus exiguus*17	Silver Forget-Me- Not	Very Rare	1
140.	Catochrysops strabo strabo	2 of White phase of the control	Very Rare	3
	Cheritra freja friggia	Common Imperial	Very Rare	3
	Chilades pandava pandava	Cycad Blue	Common	2
	Deudorix epijarbas cinnabarus	Cornelian	Rare	3
	Drupadia ravindra moorei	Common Posy	Common	3
145.	Drupadia rufotaenia rufotaenia*18	- I'm	Very Rare	3
	Drupadia theda thesmia	Dark Posy	Very Rare	3
	Eooxylides tharis distanti	Branded Imperial	Very Common	3
	Euchrypsos cnejus cnejus	Gram Blue	Common	3
	Everes lacturnus rileyi	Indian Cupid	Very Rare	1
	Flos anniella anniella	*	Very Rare	3
151.	Flos apidanus saturatus	- 1	Rare	3
	Flos diardi capeta	April 2 June 1	Rare	3
	Flos fulgida singhapura	-	Rare	3
	Horaga syrinx maenala*19		Very Rare	4
	Hypolycaena erylus teatus	Common Tit	Common	4
	Hypolycaena thecloides thecloides	1-1/1/2	Very Rare	4
	Ionolyce helicon merguiana	Pointed Line Blue	Common	3
	Iraota distanti distanti*20	•	Very Rare	3
	Iraota rochana boswelliana		Very Rare	4
	Jacoona anasuja anasuja*21		Very Rare	3
	Jamides bochus nabonassar*22	_	Very Rare	3
	Jamides caeruleus caeruleus	Sky Blue	Rare	3
	Jamides celeno aelianus	Common Caerulean	Common	4
	Lampides boeticus	Pea Blue	Rare	3
	Loxura atymnus fuconius	Yamfly	Rare	3
	Megisba malaya sikkima	-	Very Rare	3
	Nacaduba berenice icena	Rounded 6-Line Blue	Rare	3
168.	Nacaduba beroe neon	4.8	Rare	3
	Neocheritra amrita amrita	Grand Imperial	Very Rare	3
	Neopithecops zalmora zalmora	- mportar	Very Rare	3
	Prosotas nora superdates	-	Common	4
	Rapala dieneces dieneces*23	2	Very Rare	3
	Rapala domitia domitia	and the state of the state of	Rare	3
		Common Red Flach		
174.	Rapala iarbus iarbus	Common Red Flash	Rare	3

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175.	Rapala manea chozeba	*	Very Rare	3
	Rapala suffusa barthema		Very Rare	3
	Rapala varuna orseis	→)	Rare	3
	Remelana jangala travana*24	Chocolate Royal	Very Rare	3
	Semanga superba deliciosa	-	Rare	3
	Sinthusa nakasa amba	-	Rare	3
181.	Spindasis lohita senama	Long Banded Silverline	Very Rare	3
182.	Spindasis syama terana	Club/Black-Banded Silverline	l Very Rare	3
183.	Surendra vivarna amisena	Acacia Blue	Rare	3
184.	Tajuria cippus maxentius	Peacock Royal	Rare	4
	Virachola kessuma deliochus*		Very Rare	3
186.	Zeltus amasa maximinianus	Fluffy Tit	Rare	3
187.	Zizina otis lampa	Lesser Grass Blue	Very Common	2
	Zizula hylax pygmaea		Rare	1
	Ancema blanka blanka	-	Extinct	
	Arhopala achelous achelous	-	Extinct	
	Arhopala agrata agrata	de Niceville's Dull Oakblue	Extinct	
	Arhopala alitaeus pardenas		Extinct	
	Arhopala allata pandora	-	Extinct	
	Arhopala ariel	-2	Extinct	
	Arhopala avathina avathina	- T-	Extinct	
	Arhopala barami penanga	- 2	Extinct	
	Arhopala corinda acestes	- /	Extinct	
	Arhopala delta	-	Extinct	
	Arhopala democritus lycaenar	ia -	Extinct	
	Arhopala eumolphus maxwell		Extinct	
	Arhopala fulla intaca	E	Extinct	
	Arhopala hypomuta hypomuta	-	Extinct	
	Arhopala inornata inornata		Extinct	
	Arhopala lurida	##	Extinct	
	Arhopala metamuta metamuta	2	Extinct	
	Arhopala milleri	<u>-</u>	Extinct	
	Arhopala moorei busa	and the second	Extinct	
	Arhopala muta maranda	_	Extinct	
	Arhopala normani		Extinct	
1	Arhopala phanda phanda	-	Extinct	
	Arhopala silhetensis adorea		Extinct	
	Arhopala sublustris ridleyi	40	Extinct	
	Arhopala wildeyana wildeyana	1	Extinct	
	Bindahara phocides phocides	traffic mer 21	Extinct	
	Bullis buto cowani		Extinct	
	Catapaecilma major emas	-	Extinct	
	Deudorix elioti	San V and 402	Extinct	
	Deudorix staudingeri		Extinct	

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	Drina cowani	-	Extinct	
	Eliotia jalindra burbona		Extinct	
	Horaga albimacula malaya		Extinct	
	Horaga chalcedonyx malaya	-	Extinct	
	Horaga onyx sardonyx	-	Extinct	
	Iraota timoleon wickii		Extinct	
	Jamides abdul abdul	-	Extinct	
	Jamides alecto ageladas		Extinct	
	Jamides elpis pseudelpis	_	Extinct	
	Jamides philatus subditus		Extinct	
	Jamides pura pura		Extinct	
	Manto hypoleuca terana		Extinct	
	Mantoides gama gama		Extinct	
			Extinct	
	Nacaduba augusta kerriana	-	Extinct	
	Nacaduba calauria malayica	-	Extinct	
	Nacaduba hermus swatipa	*		
	Nacaduba kurava nemana	*	Extinct	
	Nacaduba pactolus odon		Extinct	
	Nacaduba pavana singapura	*	Extinct	
	Nacaduba pendleburyi pendleburyi	-	Extinct	
	Nacaduba russelli		Extinct	
	Nacaduba sanaya elioti	-	Extinct	
	Nacaduba subperusia lysa	T.	Extinct	
	Pratapa deva relata	White Royal	Extinct	
	Pratapa icetoides calculis	-	Extinct	
	Prosotas dubiosa lumpura	-	Extinct	
	Pseudotajuria donatana donatana	*	Extinct	
	Purlisa gigantea gigantea	•	Extinct	
	Rapala abnormis abnormis	*	Extinct	
	Rapala cowani	¥*	Extinct	
	Rapala damona		Extinct	
	Rapala pheretima sequeira		Extinct	
	Tajuria deudorix ingeni	2	Extinct	
	Tajuria dominus dominus		Extinct	
	Tajuria mantra mantra		Extinct	
	Una usta usta	Singleton	Extinct	
	Virachola subguttata malaya	-	Extinct	
	Zizeeria karsandra	Dark Grass Blue	Extinct	
		COPILIDATE		
	Family HESPERIIDAE — Subfamil	y COELIADINAE		
	Badamia exclamationis		Very Rare	3
Marine S	Bibasis etelka*26	(A)	Very Rare	3
	Bibasis harisa consobrina	Orange Awlet	Very Rare	3
192.	Hasora badra badra	Common Awl	Rare	3
193.	Hasora chromus chromus	-	Very Rare	3
194.	Hasora schoenherr chuza*27	Yellow Banded Awl	Very Rare	3
195.	Hasora taminatus malayana	-	Rare	2

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196.	Hasora vitta vitta	Plain Banded Awl	Rare	3
	Choaspes subcaudatus crawfurdi	•	Extinct	
	Hasora lizetta		Extinct	
	Family HESPERIIDAE — Subfamily 1	PYRGINAE		
197.	Gerosis limax dirae*28		Very Rare	3
198.	Gerosis phisara phisara*29	3	Very Rare	3
	Odina hieroglyphica ortina		Very Rare	3
	Odontoptilum angulatum angulatum*30		Very Rare	3
	Tagiades calligana	2	Rare	3
	Tagiades gana gana	Large Snow Flat	Rare	3
	Tagiades japetus atticus	Common Snow Flat	Rare	3
	Tagiades ultra		Very Rare	3
	Tapena thwaitesi bornea*31	-	Very Rare	3
	Celaenorrhinus asmara asmara	VICTOR DE LA CONTRACTOR	Extinct	
	Gerosis tristis		Extinct	
	Family HESPERIIDAE — Subfamily 1	HESPERIINAE		
206.	Ampittia dioscorides camertes*32	Bush Hopper	Rare	3
	Ancistroides nigrita maura	Chocolate Demon	Rare	3
	Caltoris cormasa	• 11	Rare	3
	Caltoris philippina philippina	er alleger to the se	Common	3
	Eetion elia	· 100-11-10-1	Rare	3
	Erionota acroleuca apicalis*33		Very Rare	3
	Erionota thrax thrax	Banana Skipper	Rare	4
	Erionota torus	-	Rare	4
	Gangara thyrsis thyrsis*34	Giant Redeye	Very Rare	3
	Halpe ormenes vilasina	-	Very Rare	3
	Hidari irava	Coconut Skipper	Rare	4
	Hyarotis adrastus praba	-	Very Rare	3
	Iambrix salsala salsala	Chestnut Bob	Rare	3
	Iambrix stellifer	Starry Bob	Very Rare	3
	Matapa aria	Common Redeye	Very Rare	3
	Notocrypta paralysos varians	Banded Demon	Rare	3
	Oriens gola pseudolus	Common Dartlet	Very Rare	3
	Pelopidas mathias mathias	Small Branded Swift	Common	4
	Plastingia naga	-	Rare	3
	Plastingia pellonia*35	Zun in gleiber brundt.	Very Rare	3
	Polytremis lubricans lubricans	Contiguous Swift	Common	4
	Potanthus omaha omaha	Lesser Dart	Common	4
	Pyroneura latoia latoia	Yellow Veined Lancer		3
	Quedara monteithi monteithi*36	-	Very Rare	3
	Suastus everyx everyx*37	In heart was about 1971 in	Very Rare	3
	Suastus gremius gremius	to be something to the same	Rare	2
	Taractrocera ardonia lamia		Very Rare	3
	Telicota besta bina	for middal copy, Lossin	Common	4
۵۵۵.	Udaspes folus	Grass Demon	Rare	2

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235.	Unkana ambasa batara	Hoary Palmer	Very Rare	3
236.	Zela zenon*38	-	Very Rare	3
	Astictopterus jama jama	Forest Hopper	Extinct	
	Baoris farri farri	-	Extinct	
	Baoris oceia	Paintbrush Swift	Extinct	
	Borbo cinnara	Formosan Swift	Extinct	
	Caltoris malaya	-	Extinct	
	Cephrenes acalle niasicus		Extinct	
	Gangara lebadea lebadea		Extinct	
	Idmon distanti		Extinct	
	Idmon obliquans obliquans	Small Red Bob	Extinct	
	Notocrypta clavata clavata		Extinct	
	Parnara bada bada	-	Extinct	
	Pelopidas agna agna		Extinct	
	Pemara pugnans pugnans	Pugnacious Lancer	Extinct	
	Potanthus confucius dushta		Extinct	
	Potanthus heraerus serina		Extinct	
	Potanthus juno juno	130	Extinct	
	Potanthus trachala tytleri		Extinct	
	Psolos fuligo fuligo	The Coon	Extinct	
	Telicota augias augias	Palm Dart	Extinct	
	Telicota colon stinga	×	Extinct	
	Zela cowani	*	Extinct	
	Zographetus doxus	*	Extinct	
	Zographetus ogygia ogygia		Extinct	
	Zographetus rama	. •	Extinct	

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- New records for Singapore are printed in bold.
- Species identified in the genus Arhopala are tentative and subject to further verification.
- The extinct species have either not been seen in recent years or are believed to be extinct.
 However, it is still possible that some of these may turn up in continuing surveys.
- Very seasonal. No physical records taken in recent years.
- ² Record verified by a single physical specimen taken in the Mandai area.
- ³ Very local in distribution. Found mainly in the Sembawang area.
- ⁴ Species recorded by a single physical specimen taken at Nee Soon Pipeline.
- ⁵ Very local in distribution. Observed only on Pulau Ubin.
- ⁶ Species recorded by a single photographed specimen at Night Safari Zoo.
- ⁷ Species recorded by a single physical specimen taken in Lower Peirce Reservoir area.
- ⁸ Species recorded in early 90s. None observed in recent years.
- ⁹ Not seen in recent years, except for one physical specimen taken on the Gangsa Track, Chestnut Ave.
- ¹⁰ Two unconfirmed sightings at Upper Seletar Reservoir Park.
- ¹¹ Not seen in recent years, except one physical specimen taken in the Mandai area.

- ¹² Very localised distribution in the Mandai area.
- 13 All specimens taken on the Gangsa Track, Chestnut Ave.
- ¹⁴ Very local in distribution. Records mainly from Sungei Buloh Nature Park.
- ¹⁵ Species recorded from a single physical specimen taken on the Island Club Track.
- ¹⁶ Species recorded from a single physical specimen taken in the MacRitchie area.
- ¹⁷ Species recorded from two physical specimens taken at Pulau Ubin and Khatib Bongsu.
- ¹⁸ Species recorded from a single physical specimen taken on the Island Club Track.
- ¹⁹ Three unconfirmed sightings in Feb 98. No physical specimens taken.
- ²⁰ Species recorded from a single physical specimen taken in the MacRitchie area.
- ²¹ Species recorded from a single physical specimen taken in the Mandai area.
- ²² Species recorded from a single physical specimen taken on the Gangsa Track.
- ²³ Species recorded from a single physical specimen taken on the Gangsa Track.
- ²⁴ Species recorded from a single physical specimen taken in the Upper Seletar Reservoir Park.
- ²⁵ Species recorded from a single physical specimen taken on the Gangsa Track.
- ²⁶ Species recorded from a single physical specimen taken at Nee Soon Pipeline.
- ²⁷ Species recorded from a single physical specimen taken on the Island Club Track.
- ²⁸ Species recorded from a single physical specimen taken on the Island Club Track.
- ²⁹ Species recorded from a single physical specimen taken at Upper Peirce Reservoir.
- ³⁰ Species recorded from a single physical specimen taken at Nee Soon Pipeline.
- 31 Species recorded from a single physical specimen taken in the Sime Road area.
- 32 Very local. Found only on the Water's Edge Path, Chestnut Ave area.
- 33 Species recorded from a single physical specimen taken in the Upper Seletar Reservoir Park.
- ³⁴ Unconfirmed observation on the Island Club Track.
- 35 Species recorded from a single physical specimen taken at Nee Soon Pipeline.
- ³⁶ Species recorded from two physical specimens taken in the Upper Seletar Reservoir Park.
- ³⁷ Species recorded from a single physical specimen taken at Upper Peirce Reservoir.
- ³⁸ Species recorded by a single physical specimen taken in the Upper Seletar Reservoir Park.

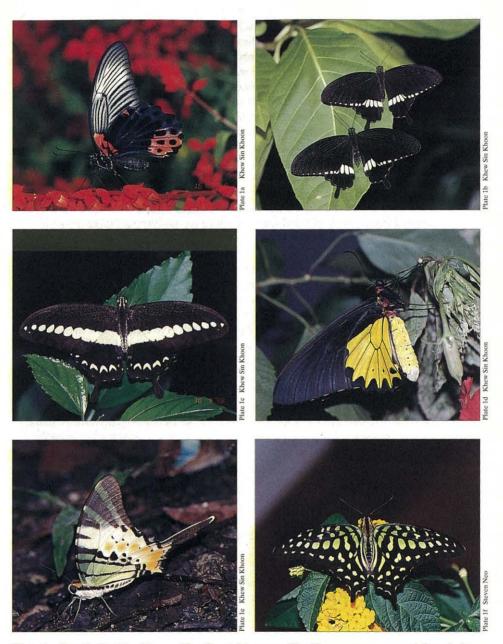


Plate 1. Family Papilionidae. a. The Great Mormon (Papilio memnon agenor) female form-esperi is the commonest of the four forms found in Singapore. b. The Common Mormon (Papilio polytes romulus) - recently hatched males drying their wings. c. The Banded Swallowtail (Papilio demolion demolion) is a threatened species. d. The Common Birdwing (Troides helena cerberus), being very dependent on its caterpillar host plant, Aristolochia tagala, is extremely vulnerable to extinction. e. The Five Bar Swordtail (Pathysa antiphates itamputi) is a relatively rare and forest-dependent species. f. The Tailed Green Jay (Graphium agamemnon agamemnon) can be found in the reserves and housing estates.

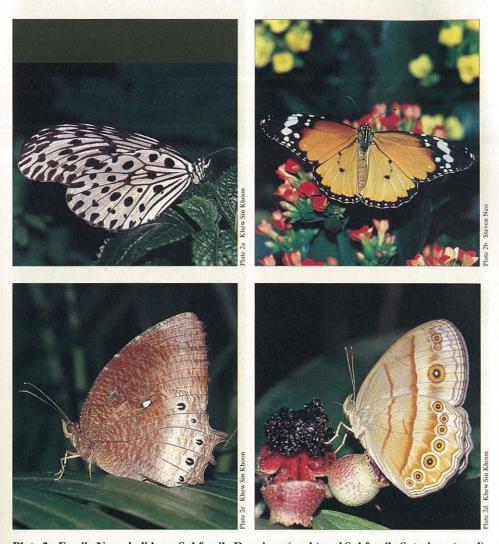


Plate 2. Family Nymphalidae—Subfamily Danainae (a—b) and Subfamily Satyrinae (c—d).

a. The Common Tree Nymph (*Idea stolli logani*) is a forest-dependent species which floats among tree tops. b. The Plain Tiger (*Danaus chrysippus chrysippus*) is extremely rare and sightings are limited to northen part of the island. c. The Tawny Palmfly (*Elymnias panthera panthera*) is a forest-dependent species which feeds on palms. d. The Malayan Bush Brown (*Mycalesis fusca fusca*) is a forest-dependent species which is usually seen singly amongst low-growing shrubs and grasses.



Plate 3. Family Nymphalidae—Subfamily Nymphalinae (a—c) and Subfamily Charaxinae (d). a. This rare Athyma asura idita is a forest-dependent species. b. This extremely rare Euthalia adonia pinwilli is most often seen on the western banks of the Upper Peirce Reservoir. c. Lexias dirtea merguia is a rare forest-dependent species. d. Polyura hebe plautus, a subspecies thought to occur only in Singapore, and southern Johore.

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Plate 4. Family Lycaenidae—Subfamily Riodininae (a—b) and Subfamily Lycaeninae (c—d). a. Abisara geza niya is a rare forest-dependent species. b. The Lesser Harlequin (Laxita thuisto thuisto) is a rare forest-dependent species. c. Arhopala abseus abseus is more common here than in Malaysia. d. The forest-dependent Common Posy (Drupadia ravindra moorei) is found throughout the Nature Reserves.

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Plate 5. Family Lycaenidae—Subfamily Lycaeninae (a—c), Family Hesperiidae—Subfamily Pyrginae (d) and Subfamily Coeliadinae (e). a. The Common Tit - Caterpillar stage. b. The Common Tit - Pupa stage. c. The Common Tit (Hypolycaena erylus teatus). d. Tagiades calligana a forest-dependent species which is usually seen singly. e. The rare Orange Awlet (Bibasi harisa consobrina) is bred on Arthrophyllum diversifolium found in the Nature Reserves.

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