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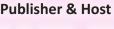
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Abstract: Myristica swamps are unique freshwater swamp forests characterised by predominance of tree species of the Myristicaceae family. There have been few published works on the flora and fauna of myristica swamps but studies on butterflies have been scanty. This work was done in the myristica swamps of Kattilapara in Shendurney Wildlife Sanctuary, Kollam district, Kerala, located in the northern aspect of the Agasthyamalai Hills of the southern Western Ghats. Data on the butterflies were collected over a period of two years supplemented with data from previous visits using Transect method. Butterflies were identified based on field photographs and relevant literature. We recorded 206 species of butterflies belonging to 6 families from the myristica swamps. This included 17 species of Papilionidae, 20 species of Pieridae, 65 species of Nymphalidae, 56 species of Lycaenidae, two species of Riodinidae and 46 species of Hesperiidae.Of the total, 19 species of butterflies were Western Ghat endemics. A checklist of butterflies of the myristica swamp, larval hostplants, status with respect to IUCN criteria, endemicity, and classification as per Indian Wildlife Protection Act (WPA) of 1972 are also provided. Eighty-two species of plants were listed as butterfly larval hosts in the myristica swamp ecosystem, with 27 species being new host records for Western Ghats. None of the butterflies recorded were using plants of Myristicaceae family as larval hosts. A simple index—the percentage occurrence—is proposed to delineate the habitat affinity of species.

Keywords: Agasthyamalai Hills, larval host plants, habitat affinity.

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INTRODUCTION

Myristica swamps are tropical swamp forests first reported from Kulathupuzha Reserve Forests and adjoining regions of Anchal, Thenmalai and Shendurney Wildlife Sanctuary (WS) in Kollam and Thiruvananthapuram districts of Kerala (Krishnamoorthy 1960). Besides Kerala, they are also known to occur in Karnataka and Goa (Joyce et al. 2014). Myristica swamp forests are floristically lowland (180-200 m) edaphic variants of evergreen forests with canopy at 30-40 m, with pure patches of Myristicaceae trees in a freshwater swamp amidst tropical evergreen patches (Subramanian 1995). These are highly fragmented ecosystems with restricted distribution (Rodgers & Panwar 1988a,b). The dominance of the trees of Myristicaceae family in the swamps gives them their common name (Roby et al. 2014). The myristica swamps are classified as forest type 4c/FS1, under Champion & Seth (1968).

There have been a few studies on the flora and fauna of myristica swamps. Notable works on their basic ecological aspects are by Nair et al. (2007) from Kerala and Ramabhat & Kaveriappa (2009) from Uttara Kannada. Floristic works on this unique ecosystem can be seen in Varghese & Menon (1999), Roby et al. (2007, 2014), Subash et al. (2008), Sreejith et al. (2016) and Joyce et al. (2014). Floristic studies by Roby et al. (2014) had listed 79 species of trees, 93 species of herbs and shrubs, and 49 species of climbers in this ecosystem of which 49 are endemic and 18 are IUCN Red List species. There are only a few studies available on faunal diversity of myristica swamps. The insect diversity in these swamps were studied by Sinu & Sharma (2013); spiders by Joyce et al. (2007a); reptiles by Joyce (2007b,c). The general insect diversity of Shendurney WS was covered by Mathew et al. (2004) and the butterflies list can be seen in Anonymous (2012).

Butterfly fauna of myristica swamps were largely unknown and only a very few studies are available in this regard. Ali et al. (2008) worked on the myristica swamps of Uttara Kannada and recorded 57 species of butterflies in three families Papilionidae, Pieridae, and Nymphalidae. Joyce et al. (2015) identified 72 species in five families and 57 genera during the work in Anchal, Kulathupuzha, and Shendurney over three years. Thus, studies on lepidopteran fauna of myristica swamps have been very scanty. The present study documents of butterflies of myristica swamps of Shendurney WS (8.858°N & 77.210°E) in the northern aspect of the Agasthyamalai Hills of the southern Western Ghats in Kerala.

MATERIALS AND METHODS

Study Area

The myristica swamps at Mankuthu and Onnam-Mile in Kattilapara region of Shendurney WS were studied (Fig. 1). The Mankuthu myristica swamp lies about 1.5km behind the Kattilapara base camp and is at the edge of the sanctuary, while the Onnam-Mile myristica swamp lies about 2.5km inside the sanctuary on the right of the road leading to Kallar. Anthropogenic factors do not seem to play any significant influence on the swamp ecosystem as both are inside the protected area of the sanctuary.

Two myristica swamps were studied in the Kattilapara region of the Shendurney WS (Image 1). Data on butterflies for POc scores (see below) were collected over a period of two years for every two weeks from May 2016-May 2018 using transect method. Permanent line transects covering 500m over 30 minutes were taken in the morning (8-9 am) and evening (3-4 pm) to study the butterfly diversity of the myristica swamp and the adjoining evergreen forest patch. The transects were such that it covered 500m of swamp and 500m of the adjoining evergreen forests. This intensive two-year work was supplemented with additional data from previous visits to this area using the same 500m/30 min transect method, taken once a month, spanning over the last 10 years (2008-2018), for butterfly diversity and hostplant records. For delineating species that are myristica swamp dependent, we compared the butterfly occurrences in the myristica transect with another 500m control transect laid in the adjacent evergreen forest. Butterflies that were recorded in more than 50% of transects in myristica swamps in comparison to the adjacent control transect was taken as myristica swamp species (MSS). This included species with 50-75 % occurrence in the swamp, treated as myristica swamp associates (MSA), and those with occurrence of more than or equal to 75% of transects classified as myristica swamp dependents (MSD).

MSS = MSA+MSD

Those species which were seen <50% were classified as stragglers and were present more outside the swamp than in it. This treatment was supplemented with host plant and early stage data for these butterflies from our observations. Species with their known hostplant distribution restricted to myristica swamps were also considered as myristica swamp dependents (MSD).

To ascertain the habitat affinity and distribution among habitats, we propose here a very simple index — the percentage of occurrence (POc). The total number



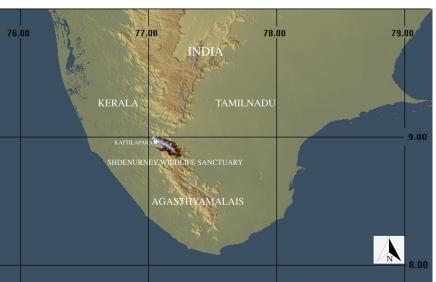


Figure 1. Study area in Shendurney Wildlife Sanctuary, Kerala.



Image 1. Myristica swamp forest.

of individuals of a species is taken and the proportion of them seen in the particular habitat is calculated. For example, in the case of the swamp, we calculated the POc score as per the following equation:

Percentage of Occurrence (POc) in Swamp =
$$\frac{n \text{ (Swamp) x100}}{n \text{ (Swamp)} + n \text{ (Evergreen)}}$$

POc(Evergreen) = 100-POc(Swamp)

Here *n* was the absolute number of individuals of a particular species seen in a transect (myristica swamp or evergreen forest) added over the study period.

Butterflies were identified based on field photographs and relevant literature. Oviposition alone was not taken as primary criteria of hostplant confirmation because of the well-known oviposition mistakes. Oviposition on an already known plant species being utilized

elsewhere, or presence of more than one instar of the larval stages of a butterfly on the plant on which an egg is laid or successful field observation of the larvae surviving to adulthood on the particular plant was taken into consideration to establish a plant as the larval hostplant. Larval identification follows Bell (1909–1927) and Kunte et al. (2018). Identification of adult butterflies are based on Evans (1932) and taxonomy follows Kunte et al. (2018). Larval host plants used by butterflies in the myristica swamps were photographed. referred for identification of the larval hostplants are Ramarao (1914), Gamble (1967), Subramanian (1995), Blatter & Millard (1997), Sivarajan & Mathew (1997), Seethalakshmi & Kumar (1998), Renuka (2000), Ravi & Mohanan (2004) and Nayar et al. (2006). Host plant utilization was checked against Sevastopulo (1973), Kunte (2000, 2006), Robinson et al. (2001), Kalesh & Prakash (2007, 2015), and Nitin et al. (2018).

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Vegetation

The vegetation of the swamps are evergreen species with a majority of the trees being from Myristicaceae. The swamps had a predominance of myristica trees Gymnacranthera farquhariana J.Hk. & Thoms., and Myristica fatua var. magnifica (Bedd.) Sinclair from Myristicaceae family. Other trees observed were Syzygium travancoricum Gamble, Vateria indica L., Hopea parviflora Bedd., Lophopetalum wightianum

Table 1. Percentage of occurrence (POc) of myristica swamp dependent butterflies.

	Family	Tribe	Genus	Species	Subspecies	POc
1	Nymphalidae	Danaini	Idea	malabarica -		87.5
2	Papilionidae	Papilionini	Papilio	dravidarum	-	81.81
3	Lycaenidae	Polyommatini	Neopithecops	zalmora	dharma	80.95
4	Lycaenidae	Arhopalini	Arhopala	alea	-	76.92
5	Papilionidae	Troidini	Pachliopta	pandiyana	-	75.47
6	Lycaenidae	Arhopalini	Arhopala	bazaloides	bazaloides	75
7	Lycaenidae	Arhopalini	Arhopala	abseus	indicus	75

Arn., Holigarna arnottiana J.Hk., occurring as dominant Pandanus thwaitesii Martelli, Phrynium pubinerve Bume, Indianthus virgatus (Roxb.) Suksathan & Borchs., and *Carex* sp. constituted the undergrowth. The ground vegetation was mainly of Lagenandra ovata (L.). Climbers were also seen in the swamps especially Parsonisia spiralis Wall. ex G.Don and Lianas included Kunstleria keralensis Mohanan & Nair, Chilocarpus denudatus Blume, Gnetum edule (Willd.) Blume, and Ventilago bombaiensis Dals. There were also climbing ferns and Calamus represented by Calamus thwaitesii Becc., Calamus hookerianus Becc., and C. travancorius Bedd. ex Becc., especially in the ecotone with adjacent lowland evergreen forests. The swamp edges had a good undergrowth of plants from Rutaceae, Aristolocaceae, Fabaceae and Poaceae.

Butterfly fauna

In the Myrstica swamp forests, 206 species of butterflies were recorded over a study period of two years (Appendix I). Of these, seven species were MSD with POc value more than or equal to 75, 151 species were MSS with POc >50 and the rest 48 were stragglers (POc <50).

Myristica swamp Dependents (MSD)

Idea malabarica (Moore, 1877) is a typical MSD species with a POc value of 87.5 (Table 1). The regionally preferred host plant is *Parsonisia spiralis* Wall. ex G.Don (Apocynaceae), and this plant is mostly restricted to the myristica swamps of the region, which explains its high POc value 87.5. For *Papilio dravidarum* Wood-Mason, 1880, *Clausena heptaphylla* (Roxb.) Wight & Arn. and *Glycosmis pentaphylla* (Retz.) DC. (Rutaceae) are the known larval hostplants seen in the swamp. The species was found to have a POc value of 81.81. For *Neopithecops zalmora dharma* (Moore, [1881]), *Glycosmis mauritiana* (Lam.) Tanaka, and *Glycosmis pentaphylla* (Retz.) DC. (Rutaceae) are the known larval hosts seen in the

Table 2. Endemic species among myristica swamp associate butterflies

	Species	Endemic range
1	Troides minos (Cramer, [1779])	Southern India
2	Graphium teredon (Felder & Felder, 1865)	Southern India
3	Mycalesis junonia Butler, 1868	Southern India
4	Discophora lepida lepida (Moore, 1857)	Southern India, Sri Lanka
5	Elymnias caudata Butler, 1871	Southern India, Sri Lanka
6	Cirrochroa thais thais (Fabricius, 1787)	Southern India, Sri Lanka
7	Papilio liomedon Moore, [1875]	Western Ghats
8	Papilio buddha Westwood, 1872	Western Ghats
9	Appias wardii (Moore, 1884)	Western Ghats
10	Parantirrhoea marshalli Wood-Mason, 1881	Western Ghats
11	Zipaetis saitis Hewitson, 1863	Western Ghats
12	Cethosia mahratta Moore, 1872	Western Ghats
13	Kallima horsfieldii Kollar, [1844]	Western Ghats
14	Curetis siva Evans, 1954	Western Ghats
15	Sovia hyrtacus (de Nicéville, 1897)	Western Ghats
16	Thoressa astigmata (Swinhoe, 1890)	Western Ghats
17	Thoressa honorei (de Nicéville, 1887)	Western Ghats
18	Pareronia ceylanica ceylanica (Felder & Felder, 1865)	Western Ghats, Sri Lanka

undergrowth of the swamp edges. This small lycaenid had a POc of 80.95. Arhopala alea (Hewitson, 1862) had three known host species Terminalia paniculata Roth, Hopea sp. (Dipterocarpaceae) and Syzygium salicifolium (Wight) J.Graham (Myrtaceae). This is a rare butterfly in the region with POc value of 76.92. Males were seen mudpuddling on the sandy edges of swamps in drier winter months. Pachliopta pandiyana (Moore, 1881) is a monophagus species endemic to Western Ghats that feeds on Thottea siliquosa (Lam.) Ding Hou (Aristolochiaceae). This host plant was an ecotone species seen at the edges of the swamps. The



Image 2. Parantirrhoea marshalli Travancore Evening Brown

POc value was 75.47. Arhopala bazaloides bazaloides (Hewitson, 1878) has Hopea ponga (Dennst.) Mabb. (Dipterocarpaceae) as the known larval hostplant. The butterfly was a rare one with POc 75. Arhopala abseus indicus Riley, 1923 was a rare butterfly of the region with high POc of 75 with Shorea robusta C.F. Gaertn. (Dipterocarpaceae) was the only recorded hostplant in literature. We report here a species of Hopea as its new host plant. This Hopea sp. was generally seen on the fringes of the myristica swamps of the region.

Among the MSD species *Idea malabarica* (Moore, 1877), *Papilio dravidarum* Wood-Mason, 1880, *Pachliopta pandiyana* (Moore, 1881) and *Arhopala alea* (Hewitson, 1862) are endemic to the Western Ghats (Larsen 1987). Two species of the MSD are on the IUCN Red Data List, viz., *Arhopala bazaloides bazaloides* (Hewitson, 1878) under Least Concern category and *Idea malabarica* (Moore, 1877) under the Near Threatened category (IUCN 2018). One species, *Arhopala bazaloides bazaloides* (Hewitson, 1878) comes under Schedule II of the Indian Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972.

Myristica swamp associates (MSA)

There were 151 species that were MSA. They had a POc value between 50 and 75. This implies that they spend much of their time in and around the myristica swamps than outside it. These included 37 Hesperiid species, 40 Lycaenids, 45 Nymphalids, 13 Papilionids, 14 Pierids and two Riodinids (Appendix I). Eighteen taxa listed in the MSA category were found to be endemic species of which 11 species were strictly Western Ghat endemics (Table 2). Two species were Red-Listed by IUCN and 29 species were listed in the various Schedules of the Indian Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972 (WPA 1972) (Appendix I).

Stragglers

Forty-eight species were found to be stragglers; of them, three were endemics, three were in IUCN Red List and six species were listed in the WPA 1972. Three species were endemics in the straggler category: *Prioneris* sita (Felder & Felder, 1865) is endemic to southern India and Sri Lanka, *Eurema nilgiriensis* (Yata, 1990) is endemic to the Western Ghats, and *Rapala lankana* (Moore, 1879)



Image 3. Eurema nilgiriensis Nilgiri Grass Yellow

is restricted to Western Ghats and Sri Lanka (Western Ghats complex). *Hypolimnas misippus* (Linnaeus, 1764) was listed under Schedule I & II, while *Catapaecilma major callone* (Fruhstorfer, 1915), *Dophla evelina laudabilis* Swinhoe, 1890 and *Halpe hindu* Evans, 1937 falls under Schedule II; *Appias libythea* (Fabricius, 1775) and *Prioneris sita* (Felder & Felder, 1865) were Schedule IV species under WPA, 1972. Three species were in IUCN Red List in the Least Concern category – *Junonia almana almana* (Linnaeus, 1758), *J. hierta hierta* (Fabricius, 1798), and *Eurema brigitta rubella* (Wallace, 1867).

Host plant utilization

The complete list of plants of myristica swamps of the study area was obtained from Nair et al. (2007). Eighty-one plant species recorded during the study were butterfly larval hosts in the myristica swamp. Of these, 54 species of plants that we observed as larval hosts were already known larval host plants being used elsewhere for butterflies in the Western Ghats (Table 3). We also found 27 species of new hostplant records being used by 43 species of butterflies (Table 4).

CONCLUSIONS

In our study, we found 206 species of butterflies from Papilionidae, Pieridae, Lycaenidae, Riodinidae, Nymphalidae, and Hesperiidae from myristica swamps of Shendurney. Of these only seven species were MSD, which are restricted to the swamps of the region, and 23 species of butterflies were endemic to peninsular India of the Western Ghats complex. With respect to WPA 1972, 32 species seen in the swamps are protected and seven species are in the Red List of IUCN. It was noted that most of the butterflies were shared species with the nearby evergreen patches and only seven species were specifically partial to it. We confirmed the presence of the rare Eurema nilgiriensis (Yata, 1990) Nilgiri Grass Yellow butterfly from Shendurney, extended its range into Agasthyamalais and have recorded Ventilago bombaiensis Dals., as its site-specific larval hostplant. Eighty-one species of plants were recorded as butterfly larval hosts in the myristica swamp ecosystem, with 27 species being new host plant records for Western Ghats. Interestingly, none of the butterflies recorded were

using plants of myristicaceae family as larval hosts as far as it is known. The POc is a simple index that can be easily applied to assess habitat association of any taxa.

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Table 3. List of larval host plants for butterflies of myristica swamp forests, Shendurney WS, recorded from our observations from 2008–2018.

	Species	Butterflies		
1	Abrus precatorius L.	Curetis thetis (Drury, [1773]) Jamides celeno celeno (Cramer, [1775]) Lampides boeticus (Linnaeus, 1767) Leptotes plinius plinius (Fabricius, 1793)		
2	Acacia torta (Roxb.) Craib	Prosotas dubiosa indica (Evans, [1925]) Prosotas nora ardates, Moore, [1875] Rapala manea schistacea (Moore, 1879) Surendra quercetorum biplagiata Butler, 1883 Charaxes bharata Felder & Felder, [1867]		
3	Areca catechu L.	Elymnias caudata Butler, 1871		
4	Aristolochia tagala Cham.	Pachliopta aristolochiae aristolochiae (Fabricius, 1775) Troides minos (Cramer, [1779])		
5	Atalantia racemosa Wight ex Hook.	Chilades lajus lajus (Stoll, [1780]) Papilio polymnestor polymnestor Cramer, [1775] Papilio polytes romulus Cramer, [1775]		
6	Axonopus compressus (Sw.) P. Beauv.	Borbo cinnara (Wallace, 1866) Iambrix salsala luteipalpis (Plötz, 1886) Oriens goloides (Moore, [1881]) Pelopidas agna agna (Moore, [1866]) Pelopidas mathias mathias (Fabricius, 1798) Pelopidas subochracea subochracea (Moore, 1878) Potanthus pseudomaesa pseudomaesa (Moore, [1881]) Taractrocera ceramas (Hewitson, 1868) Ypthima ceylonica Hewitson, 1865 Ypthima huebneri Kirby, 1871		
7	Bauhinia phoenicea Wight & Arn.	Charaxes schreiber wardii (Moore, 1896) Coladenia indrani indra Evans, 1926		
8	Bombax ceiba L.	Neptis hylas varmona Moore, 1872 Neptis jumbah nalanda Fruhstorfer, 1908		
9	Calamus hookerianus Becc.	Hyarotis adrastus praba (Moore, [1866]) Quedara basiflava (de Nicéville, [1889]) Salanoemia sala (Hewitson, [1866])		
10	Calamus thwaitesii Becc.	Salanoemia sala, (Hewitson, [1866]) Gangara thyrsis thyrsis (Fabricius, 1775) Amathusia phidippus friderici Fruhstorfer, 1904 Elymnias caudata Butler, 1871		
11	Calamus travancoricus Bedd. ex Becc.	Suastus minuta bipunctus Swinhoe, 1894		
12	Cinnamomum malabatrum (Burm.f.) J. Presl.	Graphium doson eleius (Felder & Felder, 1864) Graphium teredon (Felder & Felder, 1865) Papilio clytia clytia Linnaeus, 1758		
13	Combretum latifolium Blume	Badamia exclamationis (Fabricius, 1775) Bibasis sena sena (Moore, [1866]) Burara jaina fergusonii (de Nicéville, [1893]) Anthene emolus emolus (Godart, [1824])		
14	Connarus sp.	Deudorix epijarbas epijarbas (Moore, 1857) Nacaduba beroe gythion Fruhstorfer, 1916		
15	Cheilocostus speciosus (J.Koenig) C. D. Specht	Notocrypta curvifascia curvifascia (Felder & Felder, 1862)		
16	Dalbergia horrida (Dennst.) Mabb.	Pantoporia sandaka davidsoni Eliot, 1969		
17	Elaeocarpus sp.	Neptis jumbah nalanda Fruhstorfer, 1908		
18	Entada rheedii Spreng.	Nacaduba hermus sidoma Fruhstorfer, 1916 Nacaduba pactolus continentalis Fruhstorfer, 1916		
19	Ficus hispida L.f.	Euploea klugii kollari Felder & Felder, [1865]		
20	Flacourtia montana J. Graham	Cupha erymanthis maja Fruhstorfer, 1898 Phalanta phalantha phalantha (Drury, [1773])		
21	Glochidion ellipticum Wight	Athyma inara inara Westwood, 1850 Athyma perius perius (Linnaeus, 1758)		
22	Glycosmis pentaphylla (Retz.) DC.	Chilades lajus lajus (Stoll, [1780]) Neopithecops zalmora dharma (Moore, [1881]) Papilio demoleus demoleus Linnaeus, 1758 Papilio dravidarum Wood-Mason, 1880 Papilio helenus daksha Hampson, 1888 Papilio polymnestor polymnestor Cramer, [1775] Papilio polytes romulus Cramer, [1775]		

	Species	Butterflies
23	Grewia nervosa (Lour.) Panigrahi	Neptis hylas varmona Moore, 1872 Neptis jumbah nalanda Fruhstorfer, 1908 Coladenia indrani indra Evans, 1926 Odontoptilum angulata angulata (Felder, 1862)
24	Helicteres isora L.	Caprona ransonnetti potiphera (Hewitson, 1873) Neptis hylas varmona Moore, 1872
25	<i>lxora</i> sp.	Cheritra freja butleri Cowan, 1965 Rathinda amor (Fabricius, 1775) Zeltus amasa amasa (Hewitson, 1865)
26	Lagerstroemia speciosa (L.) Pers.	Arhopala amantes amantes (Hewitson, 1862) Arhopala centaurus pirama (Moore, [1881])
27	Lepisanthes tetraphylla Radlk.	Acytolepis puspa felderi Toxopeus, 1927 Cheritra freja butleri Cowan, 1965 Megisba malaya (Moore, [1881]) Rapala manea schistacea (Moore, 1879)
28	Mallotus philippensis (Lam.) Müll.Arg.	Coladenia indrani indra Evans, 1926 Megisba malaya thwaitesi (Moore, [1881]) Prosotas dubiosa indica (Evans, [1925]) Prosotas nora ardates (Moore, [1875]) Neptis jumbah nalanda Fruhstorfer, 1908
29	Mangifera indica L.	Anthene emolus emolus (Godart, [1824]) Chilades lajus lajus (Stoll, [1780]) Horaga onyx cingalensis Moore, [1884] Rathinda amor (Fabricius, 1775) Spalgis epius epius (Westwood, 1852) Euthalia aconthea meridionalis Fruhstorfer, 1913
30	Melastoma malabathricum L.	Rapala iarbus sorya (Kollar, [1844]) Tanaecia lepidea miyana (Fruhstorfer, 1913)
31	Mimosa pudica L.	Prosotas dubiosa indica (Evans, [1925]) Junonia hierta hierta (Fabricius, 1798) Junonia orithya orithya Butler, 1885 Eurema hecabe hecabe (Linnaeus, 1758)
32	Mitragyna parvifolia (Roxb.) Korth.	Moduza procris procris Fruhstorfer, 1906
33	Mussaenda frondosa L.	Athyma inara inara Westwood, 1850 Moduza procris procris Fruhstorfer, 1906
34	Neolamarckia cadamba (Roxb.) Bosser	Moduza procris procris Fruhstorfer, 1906
35	Ochlandra travancorica (Bedd.) Gamble	Baoris farri (Moore, 1878) Caltoris kumara kumara (Moore, 1878) Caltoris philippina philippina (Herrich-Schäffer, 1869) Matapa aria (Moore, [1866]) Sovia hyrtacus (de Nicéville, 1897) Telicota bambusae bambusae (Moore, 1878) Telicota colon colon (Fabricius, 1775) Thoressa astigmata (Swinhoe, 1890) Thoressa honorei (de Nicéville, 1887) Potanthus pava pava (Fruhstorfer, 1911) Discophora lepida lepida (Moore, 1857) Parantirrhoea marshalli Wood-Mason, 1881 Zipaetis saitis Hewitson, 1863
36	Olea dioica Roxb.	Athyma ranga karwara (Fruhstorfer, 1906)
37	Oplismenus compositus (L.) P. Beauv.	Oriens goloides (Moore, [1881]) Melanitis leda leda (Linnaeus, 1758) Melanits phedima varaha Moore, 1857 Mycalesis perseus tabitha (Fabricius, 1793)
38	Parsonsia alboflavescens (Dennst.) Mabb.	Idea malabarica (Moore, 1877)
39	Persea macrantha (Nees) Kosterm	Graphium teredon (Felder & Felder, 1865)
40	Schleichera oleosa (Lour.) Merr.	Acytolepis puspa felderi Toxopeus, 1927 Arhopala centaurus pirama (Moore, [1881]) Catochrysops strabo strabo (Fabricius, 1793) Chilades pandava pandava (Horsfield, [1829]) Megisba malaya (Moore, [1881]) Rapala iarbus sorya (Kollar, [1844])

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41	Indianthus virgatus (Roxb.) Suksathan & Borchs	Psolos fuligo subfasciatus (Moore, 1878)
42	Sida rhombifolia L.	Spialia galba (Fabricius, 1793) Hypolimnas bolina jacintha (Drury, 1773) Junonia lemonias lemonias (Linnaeus, 1758)
43	Smilax zeylanica L.	Spindasis lohita lazularia Moore, 1881 Zesius chrysomallus Hübner, 1819 Kaniska canace viridis Evans, 1924 Loxura atymnus atymnus (Stoll, [1780])
44	Strobilanthes ciliata Nees	Celaenorrhinus leucocera (Kollar, [1844]) Celaenorrhinus putra putra (Moore, [1866]) Junonia iphita iphita (Cramer, [1779]) Kallima horsfieldii Kollar, [1844]
45	Terminalia elliptica Willd.	Coladenia indrani indra Evans, 1926 Arhopala amantes amantes (Hewitson, 1862)
46	Terminalia paniculata Roth	Cupitha purreea (Moore, 1877) Anthene emolus emolus (Godart, [1824]) Arhopala alea (Hewitson, 1862) Arhopala amantes amantes (Hewitson, 1862) Arhopala centaurus pirama (Moore, [1881]) Catapaecilma major callone (Fruhstorfer, 1915) Spindasis lohita lazularia Moore, 1881 Zesius chrysomallus Hübner, 1819
47	Mallotus nudi orus (L.) Kulju & Welzen	Catapaecilma major callone (Fruhstorfer, 1915) Thaduka multcaudata kanara Evans, 1925

	Species	Butterflies			
48	Thottea siliquosa (Lam.) Ding Hou	Pachliopta aristolochiae aristolochiae (Fabricius, 1775) Pachliopta pandiyana (Moore, 1881) Troides minos (Cramer, [1779])			
49	Urena lobata L.	Caprona ransonnetti potiphera (Hewitson, 1873) Odontoptilum angulata angulata (Felder, 1862) Spialia galba (Fabricius, 1793) Rapala manea schistacea (Moore, 1879) Neptis hylas varmona Moore, 1872			
50	Uvaria narum Wall.	Graphium agamemnon menides (Fruhstorfer, 1904)			
51	Vateria indica L.	Nacaduba kurava canaraica Toxopeus, 1927			
52	Zingiber zerumbet (L.) Roscoe ex Sm.	Notocrypta curvifascia curvifascia (Felder & Felder, 1862) Udaspes folus (Cramer, [1775]) Jamides alecto alocina (Fruhstorfer, 1916)			
53	Zizyphus oenoplia (L.) Miller	Caleta decidia (Hewitson, 1876) Castalius rosimon rosimon (Fabricius, 1775) Discolampa ethion ethion Westwood, 1851 Tarucus ananda (de Nicéville, [1883])			
54	Zizyphus rugosa Lam.	Caleta decidia decidia (Hewitson, 1876) Castalius rosimon rosimon (Fabricius, 1775) Catapaecilma major callone (Fruhstorfer, 1915) Rapala iarbus sorya (Kollar, [1844]) Rapala lankana (Moore, 1879) Rapala varuna lazulina (Moore, 1879) Spindasis vulcanus (Fabricius, 1775)			

Table 4. Newly discovered larval host-plants for butterflies of Western Ghats, recorded from myristica swamp forests, Shendurney WS, during our study from 2008–2018.

	Species	Butterflies			
1	Alpinia malaccensis (N. L. Burman) Roscoe	Notocrypta curvifascia curvifascia (Felder & Felder, 1862) Notocrypta paralysos mangla Evans, 1949 Udaspes folus (Cramer, [1775]			
2	Areca catechu L.	Suastus gremius gremius (Fabricius, 1798) Gangara thyrsis thyrsis (Fabricius, 1775) Elymnias caudata Butler, 1871			
3	Artabotrys zeylanicus Hook.f. & Thomson	Graphium agamemnon menides (Fruhstorfer, 1904)			
4	Barleria courtallica Nees	Junonia atlites atlites (Linnaeus, 1763) Junonia hierta hierta (Fabricius, 1798) Junonia lemonias lemonias (Linnaeus, 1758)			
5	Bauhinia phoenicea Wight & Arn.	Acytolepis puspa felderi Toxopeus, 1927 Cheritra freja butleri Cowan, 1965			
6	Butea parviflora DC.	Chilades pandava pandava (Horsfield, [1829]) Curetis thetis (Drury, [1773]) Euchrysops cnejus cnejus (Fabricius, 1798) Jamides bochus bochus (Stoll, [1782]) Jamides celeno celeno (Cramer, [1775]) Coladenia indrani indra Evans, 1926			
7	Calophyllum polyanthum Wall. ex Choisy	Rathinda amor (Fabricius, 1775)			
8	Curcuma ecalcarata Sivar. & Balach.	Notocrypta curvifascia curvifascia (Felder & Felder, 1862) Notocrypta paralysos mangla Evans, 1949 Udaspes folus (Cramer, [1775])			
9	Derris canarensis (Dalzell) Baker	Hasora badra badra (Moore, [1858]) Curetis thetis (Drury, [1773])			
10	Desmodium heterocarpon (L.)DC.	Chilades pandava pandava (Horsfield, [1829]) Curetis siva (Evans, 1954) Euchrysops cnejus cnejus (Fabricius, 1798)			
11	Dimocarpus longan Lour.	Nacaduba beroe gythion Fruhstorfer, 1916			
12	Dioscorea bulbifera L.	Tagiades gana silvia, Evans, 1934 Tagiades litigiosa litigiosa Möschler, 1878			
13	Diospyros species	Dophla evelina laudabilis Swinhoe, 1890			

	Species	Butterflies
14	Hopea parviflora Bedd.	Arhopala bazaloides bazaloides (Hewitson, 1878) Arhopala centaurus pirama (Moore, [1881]) Arhopala amantes amantes (Hewitson, 1862) Arhopala abseus indicus Riley, 1923 Rathinda amor (Fabricius, 1775)
15	Hoya pauciflora Wight	Euploea sylvester coreta (Godart, 1819) Tirumala limniace exoticus (Gmelin, 1790)
16	Humboldtia decurrens Bedd.	Jamides celeno celeno (Cramer, [1775])
17	Hibiscus furcatus Roxb.	Neptis hylas varmona Moore, 1872
18	Hydnocarpus pentandra (BuchHam.) Oken	Cirrochroa thais thais (Fabricius, 1787)
19	Lagerstroemia speciosa (L.) Pers.	Catapaecilma major callone (Fruhstorfer, 1915)
20	Litsea travancorica Gamble	Graphium teredon (Felder & Felder, 1865) Papilio clytia clytia Linnaeus, 1758
21	Pinanga dicksonii (Roxb.) Bl.	Gangara thyrsis thyrsis (Fabricius, 1775) Elymnias caudata Butler, 1871 Suastus gremius gremius (Fabricius, 1798)
22	Polyalthia fragrans (Dalz.) Bedd.	Graphium agamemnon menides (Fruhstorfer, 1904) Graphium doson eleius (Felder & Felder, 1864) Graphium nomius nomius (Esper, 1799)
23	Sterculia guttata Roxb.	Rapala maneaschistacea (Moore, 1879)
24	Syzygium species	Arhopala amantes amantes (Hewitson, 1862) Arhopala centaurus pirama (Moore, [1881]) Arhopala alea (Hewitson, 1862)
25	Tylophora mollissima Wight	Euploea core core (Cramer, [1780]) Parantica aglea aglea, (Stoll, [1782]) Tirumala limniace exoticus (Gmelin, 1790)
26	Vateria indica L.	Arhopala centaurus pirama (Moore, [1881]) Arhopala amantes amantes (Hewitson, 1862) Rathinda amor (Fabricius, 1775)
27	Ventilago bombaiensis Dals.	Eurema nilgiriensis (Yata, 1990)

Appendix 1. A checklist of butterflies of myristica swamps of Shendurney WS, Kollam, Kerala.

	Genus	Species	Subspecies	Status	Endemic status	IUCN Redlist Status	WPA 1972
Papilio	onidae						
1	Troides	minos	-	MSA	Southern India		
2	Pachliopta	aristolochiae	aristolochiae	MSA			
3	Pachliopta	hector	-	MSA	Peninsular India, SL		Sh I
4	Pachliopta	pandiyana	-	MSD	Western Ghats		
5	Graphium	agamemnon	menides	MSA			
6	Graphium	doson	eleius	MSA			
7	Graphium	teredon	-	MSA	Southern India		
8	Graphium	antiphates	naira	STR			
9	Papilio	buddha	-	MSA	Western Ghats		Sh II
10	Papilio	clytia	clytia	MSA			Sh I
11	Papilio	helenus	daksha	MSA			
12	Papilio	liomedon	-	MSA	Western Ghats		Sh I
13	Papilio	paris	tamilana	MSA			
14	Papilio	polymnestor	polymnestor	MSA			
15	Papilio	polytes	romulus	MSA			
16	Papilio	dravidarum	-	MSD	Western Ghats		
17	Papilio	demoleus	demoleus	STR			
Pierida	ae		l .	1			
18	Catopsilia	pomona	pomona	MSA			
19	Catopsilia	pyranthe	pyranthe	MSA			
20	Eurema	blanda	silhetana	MSA			
21	Eurema	hecabe	hecabe	MSA			
22	Eurema	brigitta	rubella	STR		Least Concern	
23	Eurema	nilgiriensis	_	STR	Western Ghats		
24	Appias	albina	swinhoei	MSA			
25	Appias	indra	shiva	MSA			Sh II
26	Appias	lyncida	latifasciata	MSA			Sh II
27	Appias	wardii	-	MSA	Western Ghats		Sh II
28	Cepora	nadina	remba	MSA			Sh II
29	Delias	eucharis	_	MSA			
30	Hebomoia	glaucippe	australis	MSA			
31	Leptosia	nina	nina	MSA			
32	Pareronia	ceylanica	ceylanica	MSA	Western Ghats, SL		
33	Pareronia	hippia	-	MSA			
34	Appias	libythea	_	STR			Sh IV
35	Belenois	aurota	aurota	STR			
36	Cepora	nerissa	phryne	STR			
37	Prioneris	sita	-	STR	Southern India, SL		Sh IV
	halidae		<u> </u>	1 3111	Todata maia, 3E		J11 1V
38	Cethosia	mahratta	-	MSA	Western Ghats		
39	Acraea	violae	-	STR	Western Griats		
33	Euthalia Eutha	aconthea	meridionalis	MSA			

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41	Euthalia	lubentina	arasada	MSA			Sh IV
42	Tanaecia	lepidea	miyana	MSA			Sh II
43	Dophla	evelina	laudabilis	STR			Sh II
44	Amathusia	phidippus	friderici	MSA			
45	Discophora	lepida	lepida	MSA	Southern India, SL		Sh II
46	Ariadne	ariadne	indica	MSA			
47	Ariadne	merione	merione	MSA			
48	Charaxes	bharata	-	MSA			
49	Charaxes	psaphon	imna	MSA			
50	Charaxes	schreiber	wardii	MSA			Sh I
51	Charaxes	solon	solon	MSA			
52	Cyrestis	thyodamas	indica	STR			
53	Euploea	core	core	MSA		Least Concern	
54	Parantica	aglea	aglea	MSA			
55	Idea	malabarica	-	MSD	Western Ghats	Near threatened	
56	Danaus	chrysippus	chrysippus	STR			
57	Danaus	genutia	genutia	STR			
58	Euploea	klugii	kollari	STR			
59	Euploea	sylvester	coreta	STR			
60	Tirumala	limniace	exoticus	STR			
61	Tirumala	septentrionis	dravidarum	STR			
62	Elymnias	caudata	-	MSA	Southern India, SL		
63	Hypolimnas	bolina	jacintha	MSA			
64	Junonia	iphita	iphita	MSA			
65	Junonia	lemonias	lemonias	MSA			
66	Hypolimnas	misippus	-	STR			Sh I & II
67	Junonia	almana	almana	STR		Least Concern	
68	Junonia	atlites	atlites	STR			
69	Junonia	hierta	hierta	STR		Least Concern	
70	Junonia	orithya	swinhoei	STR			
71	Doleschallia	bisaltide	malabarica	MSA			Sh II
72	Kallima	horsfieldii		MSA	Western Ghats		Sh II
73	Kallima	horsfieldii	-	STR	Western Ghats		Sh II
74	Athyma	inara	inara	MSA			
75	Athyma	ranga	karwara	MSA			Sh II
76	Moduza	procris	procris	MSA			
77	Melanitis	leda	leda	MSA			
78	Melanitis	phedima	varaha	MSA			
79	Melanitis	zitenius	gokala	MSA			Sh II
80	Parantirrhoea	marshalli	-	MSA	Western Ghats		Sh II
81	Lasippa	viraja	kanara	MSA			
82	Neptis	hylas	varmona	MSA			
83	Neptis	jumbah	nalanda	MSA			
84	Pantoporia	hordonia	hordonia	MSA			
85	Pantoporia	sandaka	davidsoni	MSA	1		

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86	Kaniska	canace	viridis	MSA			
87	Parthenos	sylvia	virens	MSA			Sh II
88	Lethe	drypetis	todara	MSA	Southern India, SL		
89	Lethe	europa	europa	MSA			
90	Orsotriaena	medus	mandata	MSA			
91	Mycalesis	junonia	-	MSA	Southern India		
92	Mycalesis	mineus	polydecta	MSA			
93	Mycalesis	visala	visala	STR			
94	Ypthima	ceylonica	-	STR	Peninsular India, SL		
95	Ypthima	baldus	-	MSA			
96	Ypthima	huebneri	-	MSA			
97	Zipaetis	saitis	-	MSA	Western Ghats		Sh II
98	Cirrochroa	thais	thais	MSA	Southern India, SL		
99	Cupha	erymanthis	maja	MSA			
100	Vindula	erota	saloma	MSA			
101	Phalanta	alcippe	mercea	STR			Sh II
102	Phalanta	phalantha	phalantha	STR			
Riodir	ıidae	1 *	1 '		I.	<u>I</u>	
103	Abisara	bifasciata	suffusa	MSA			
104	Abisara	echerius	prunosa	MSA			
Lycaei			,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,		l		
105	Curetis	siva		MSA	Western Ghats		
106	Curetis	thetis	-	MSA	Western Gnats		
107	Amblypodia	anita	dina	MSA			
108	Thaduka	multicaudata	kanara	MSA			Sh II
109	Iraota	timoleon	arsaces	STR			31111
110	Arhopala	abseus	indicus	MSD			
111	Arhopala	alea	-	MSD	Western Ghats		
112	Arhopala	bazaloides	bazaloides	MSD	western dilats	Least Concern	Sh II
113				+		Least Concern	31111
	Arhopala	amantes	amantes	STR			
114	Arhopala	centaurus	pirama	STR			
115	Surendra	quercetorum	biplagiata 	STR			al .:
116	Catapaecilma	major	callone	STR			Sh II
117	Cheritra	freja	butleri	MSA		Least Concern	
118	Bindahara	moorei	-	MSA			Sh II
119	Deudorix	epijarbas	epijarbas	STR			
120	Rapala	lankana	-	STR			
121	Rapala	manea	schistacea	STR			
122	Rathinda	amor	-	MSA			
123	Hypolycaena	othona	othona	MSA			Sh I
124	Zeltus	amasa	amasa	MSA			
125	Tajuria	cippus	cippus	MSA			
126	Loxura	atymnus	atymnus	MSA			
127	Anthene	lycaenina	lycaenina	MSA			
128	Acytolepis	lilacea	lilacea	MSA			

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129	Acytolepis	puspa	felderi	MSA			
130	Caleta	decidia	decidia	MSA			
131	Castalius	rosimon	rosimon	MSA			
132	Celastrina	lavendularis	lavendularis	MSA			
133	Chilades	lajus	lajus	MSA			
134	Chilades	pandava	pandava	MSA			
135	Discolampa	ethion	ethion	MSA			
136	Ionolyce	helicon	viola	MSA			
137	Jamides	alecto	eurysaces	MSA			
138	Jamides	bochus	bochus	MSA			
139	Jamides	celeno	celeno	MSA			
140	Megisba	malaya	-	MSA			
141	Nacaduba	berenice	ormistoni	MSA			
142	Nacaduba	beroe	gythion	MSA			
143	Nacaduba	calauria	-	MSA			
144	Nacaduba	hermus	sidoma	MSA			
145	Nacaduba	kurava	canaraica	MSA			
146	Nacaduba	pactolus	continentalis	MSA			Sh II
147	Petrelaea	dana	-	MSA			
148	Prosotas	dubiosa	indica	MSA			
149	Prosotas	nora	ardates	MSA			
150	Prosotas	noreia	hampsonii	MSA			Sh I
151	Pseudozizeeria	maha	ossa	MSA			
152	Zizeeria	karsandra	-	MSA			
153	Zizina	otis	indica	MSA			
154	Zizula	hylax	hylax	MSA			
155	Neopithecops	zalmora	dharma	MSD			
156	Freyeria	putli	-	STR			
157	Leptotes	plinius	plinius	STR			
158	Talicada	nyseus	nyseus	STR			
159	Spalgis	epeus	epeus	STR			
160	Zesius	chrysomallus	-	MSA			
Hespe	riidae	•		•			
161	Badamia	exclamationis	-	MSA			
162	Bibasis	sena	sena	MSA			Sh II
163	Burara	jaina	fergusonii	MSA			
164	Hasora	chromus	chromus	MSA			
165	Celaenorrhinus	leucocera	-	MSA			
166	Celaenorrhinus	putra	-	MSA			
167	Pseudocoladenia	dan	dan	MSA			
168	Sarangesa	dasahara	dasahara	MSA			
169	Tagiades	gana	silvia	MSA			
170	Tagiades	litigiosa	litigiosa	MSA			
171	Caprona	ransonnettii	potiphera	STR			
172	Coladenia	indrani	indra	STR			Sh II

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173	Gerosis	bhagava	bhagava	STR			
174	Odontoptilum	angulata	angulata	STR			
175	Tapena	thwaitesi	-	STR			
176	Aeromachus	pygmaeus	-	MSA			
177	Ampittia	dioscorides	dioscorides	MSA			
178	Cupitha	purreea	-	MSA			
179	Erionota	torus	-	MSA			
180	Hyarotis	adrastus	praba	MSA			Sh IV
181	lambrix	salsala	luteipalpis	MSA			
182	Matapa	aria	-	MSA			
183	Notocrypta	curvifascia	curvifascia	MSA			
184	Notocrypta	paralysos	mangla	MSA			
185	Psolos	fuligo	subfasciatus	MSA			
186	Quedara	basiflava	-	MSA	Western Ghats		
187	Salanoemia	sala	-	MSA			
188	Sovia	hyrtacus	-	MSA	Western Ghats		
189	Suastus	minuta	bipunctus	MSA			
190	Thoressa	astigmata	-	MSA	Western Ghats		
191	Thoressa	honorei	-	MSA	Western Ghats		Sh IV
192	Udaspes	folus	-	MSA			
193	Gangara	thyrsis	thyrsis	STR			Sh IV
194	Halpe	hindu	-	STR	Western Ghats		
195	Halpe	porus	-	STR			
196	Zographetus	ogygia	ogygia	STR			Sh IV
197	Oriens	goloides	-	MSA			
198	Potanthus	pseudomaesa	pseudomaesa	MSA			
199	Telicota	bambusae	bambusae	MSA			
200	Telicota	colon	colon	MSA			
201	Baoris	farri	-	MSA			
202	Borbo	cinnara	-	MSA			Sh IV
203	Caltoris	kumara	kumara	MSA			
204	Caltoris	philippina	philippina	MSA			
205	Pelopidas	mathias	mathias	MSA			
206	Polytremis	lubricans	lubricans	MSA			

 $\label{thm:condition} \textit{Key: STR: Straggler, SL: Sri Lanka, Sh: Schedules of Indian Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972.}$







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