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Butterflies of Eravikulam National Park and its environs in the Western Ghats of Kerala, India

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Abstract: The Eravikulam National Park (ENP) holds the largest remaining pristine patches of southern montane wet temperate forests and southern montane wet temperate grasslands of peninsular India. The study shows that ENP harbours 198 species of butterflies, constituting 60.73% of the butterflies recorded from Kerala and 59.10% of butterflies observed in Western Ghats (WG). Thirty-five species of butterflies seen in ENP have some level of endemicity associated with them and 22 of them (52.38%) are strictly endemic to WG. Twenty-seven species are under the schedules of Indian Wildlife Act 1972 (WPA) and its amendments. This National Park has montane grassland-Shola dependent super-endemics like Neptis palnica and Telinga davisoni. ENP also holds Parantica nilgiriensis a Near Threatened species and another 11 Western Ghats endemics, namely, Telinga davisoni, T. oculus, Ypthima chenu, Y. ypthimoides, Arnetta mercara, Baracus hampsoni, B. subditus, Thoressa astigmata, T. evershedi, Oriens concinna, and Caltoris canaraica, which are primary grass feeders. Eravikulam, on the Anamalai-High Range-Palni landscape, lies on a major path of the return migration of butterflies to Western Ghats before the north-east monsoons. Although well-protected, the ENP has anthropogenic pressures from tea estates surrounding it, mammal-oriented management practices like controlled burning of primary grasslands, and natural forest fires, that can significantly affect the invertebrate fauna especially montane grassland shola-dependent butterflies.

Keywords: Checklist, Endemic, grasslands, IUCN, Lepidoptera, shola, WPA.

Abbreviations: ENP—Eravikulam National Park | KFD—Kerala Forest Department | MWD—Munnar Wildlife Division | TNHS—Travancore Nature History Society | IUCN-The International Union for Conservation of Nature | WG-Western Ghats | WPA-Indian Wildlife (Protection) Act 1972.

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INTRODUCTION

The Eravikulam National Park (ENP), was established in 1978. ENP with an area of 97 km², is located in the High Ranges (Kannan Devan Hills) of the Munnar landscape of southern Western Ghats (WG) in the Devikulam Taluk of Idukki district, Kerala State (Image 1) between 10.08-10.33 °N & 77.00-77.16 °E. The elevation ranges from 1,200 m on the slopes to 2,695 m at the summit of Anamudi, the highest point in peninsular India. The boundaries of the park extend into Anamalai Tiger Reserve in Tamil Nadu, Chinnar Wildlife Sanctuary, and Marayur forest division in the north & east, Mankulam & Munnar forest divisions in the south, and the Anamudi reserve forest under Munnar Forest Division in the west (Anonymous 2012). The terrain is undulating with vegetation mainly of montane wet temperate forests (sholas) and primary grasslands. Annual rainfall varies from 2,000 mm to 5,000 mm, with a short three-month dry season. The major fraction (up to 60%) of precipitation is received from the south-west monsoons. The temperature varies from 10.88±6.55 °C to 23.42±1.3 °C. Frost is a common phenomenon in winter (December-February). ENP is regionally important as a perennial catchment area for east-flowing tributaries of River Pambar, west-flowing tributaries of rivers Periyar and Chalakkudy (Nair 1991; Anonymous 2012). The ENP has good biodiversity with 132 species of birds, 20 species of amphibians, 13 species of reptiles, four species of fish, and 101 species of butterflies (Anonymous 2012). The major vegetation types of the ENP are the southern montane wet temperate forests, southern montane wet temperate grasslands, southern sub-tropical broad-leaved hill forest, southern west coast evergreen forest, and southern tropical moist deciduous forests (Image 2) (Anonymous 2012). The last two forest types are seen along the western and eastern boundaries respectively (Anonymous 2012). The ENP holds the last remaining undisturbed patches of southern montane wet temperate forests and southern montane wet temperate grasslands of Peninsular India (Nair 1991).

Previous works on butterfly diversity of ENP are very few. Ferguson (1891), was probably the first naturalist to work on butterflies of Munnar and the adjoining Pirmed (Peermedu) Plateau. The records from High Range of Munnar of the following species may be seen in his work on butterflies of Travancore: '*Rohana cambia* Moore' [*Rohana parisatis atacinus* Fruhstorfer, 1913, Black Prince], '*Argynnis niphe* Linnaeus' [*Argynnis castetsi* (Oberthür, 1891), Palni Fritillary], '*Colias* nilagiriensis Felder' [Colias nilagiriensis Felder & Felder, 1859, Nilgiri Clouded Yellow], 'Catophaga galena Felder' [Appias wardii (Moore, 1884), Sahyadri /Lesser/ Ward's Albatross], and 'Ismene jaina Moore' [Burara jaina fergusonii (de Nicéville, [1893]), Sahyadri Orange Awlet]. G.F. Hampson (1888) paid occasional visits to Anamalais, Mudis Hills, and Nelliampathies during his stay in Wayanad-Nilgiris but his major work was on the northern slopes of Nilgiris. No other historical works are specifically available for ENP, though some works are traceable from the adjoining landscapes bordering it. Evans (1910), compiled the first-ever checklist for Palnis and Kodaikanal on the eastern side of the High Range and listed 191 species. In Evans (1910), J. Evershed added a note in on the migration of butterflies in the Palnis landscape. Ugarte & Rodricks (1960) added 54 species to Evans (1910) list, and later Ghorpadé & Kunte (2010), updated the Palni checklist with a compilation of records from 1910 to 1960 and mentioned 310 species. Mathew et al. (2001) though worked on sholas of Idukki, namely, the Mannavan Shola (Anamudi Shola National Park) of the High Range landscape, with 66 species, no mention of the ENP was found. Palot (2012) reported migration of the Indian Dark Cerulean Jamides bochus bochus (Stoll, [1782]) from ENP. Sreekumar et al. (2018), based on a 4-month study provided a preliminary checklist of ENP with 85 species. The management plan of ENP published by the Kerala Forest Department has 101 species mentioned (Anonymous 2012). However, recent systematic surveys by Travancore Nature History Society (TNHS), Munnar Wildlife Division (MWD), and Kerala Forest Department (KFD) have revealed 88 species with some additions (Kalesh 2019). In this paper, we critically evaluate all the available published peer-reviewed records of butterflies from ENP including survey reports. A final checklist of butterflies from ENP is provided in light of our fieldwork since the year 2000.

MATERIALS AND METHODS

This paper is a critical compilation of the field data of the authors including distribution, larval host and migration, recorded over the last two decades from ENP. The previous literature on butterflies of the region and the adjoining landscapes Ferguson (1891), Hampson (1888), Evans (1910), Ugarte & Rodricks (1960), Ghorpadé & Kunte (2010), Palot (2012), Sreekumar et al. (2018), and (Kalesh 2019) were reviewed. The data logged in the management plan published by the KFD (Anonymous 2012) was also consulted, as well as the



Image 1. Map of Eravikulam National Park.

reports submitted by TNHS to MWD, KFD on faunal survey of MWD done in 2016, 2018, 2020, and 2021. In addition, the field data of the authors from previous visits to the region was also added. The standard transect methodology (3 km in 3 hours) was employed in field surveys with strategically placed basecamps covering all habitats and elevational gradients of ENP. The core region was assessed in Anamudi, Eravikulam, Poovar, Varattukulam, Rajamalai, Kolukkan, Meenthotty, and Bhadrakali Shola. The boundaries were assessed by visiting Njandala, Pothumala, Chinna-Poovar, Vaguvarai, Lakkam, and Pettimudi. Occasional visits were done to wetter evergreen Edamalayar & Valparai slopes on the western and northern side and eastern dry slopes of Marayur & Chinnar. For all calculation purposes, the butterflies recorded inside the ENP only were considered. The general taxonomic placement and checklists follow Evans (1932 & 1949), Wynter-Blyth (1957), Larsen (1987–88), Gaonkar (1996), Nitin et al. (2018), Kunte et al. (2022), and Sadasivan & Sengupta (2022, in press). Geographical divisions and landscapes follow Sankar (2013) with necessary modifications. The population status was determined in the ENP based on transect data with status as Very Common (VC) if seen in >75% transects, Common (C) if seen in 50–75%, Not Rare (NR) if is seen in 25–50% transects, Rare (R) in case seen in 5–25%, and Very Rare (VR) if seen in <5% of the transects. Doubtful records and stragglers are mentioned in the discussion part of each family. Detailed analysis of transects with biodiversity indices and

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Image 2. Habitats shots of Eravikulam National Park: A—Southern montane wet temperate grasslands of Eravikulam near Anamudi peak | B—Riparian patches of grasses and *Rhododendron* trees | C—*Garnotia* grass patches in marshes and steam sides | D—Southern montane wet temperate forests (Sholas) and grasslands. © Kalesh Sadasivan.

conservation values shall be published elsewhere. The Red List status is derived from the IUCN site http://www. iucnredlist.org (IUCN 2021), based on global population assessments. Species with distribution restricted to habitats and subunits of a single landscape are referred to as super-endemics. The Palani Sailor *Neptis palnica* Eliot, 1969 from High Ranges of southern Western Ghats and Palini Bushbrown *Telinga davisoni* (Moore, [1891]) from Anjanad valley-Palani region of southern Western Ghats are known only from specific subregions inside the of the Munnar landscape and hence are examples of super-endemics (Image 3).

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Based on our field work we found 198 valid species records for ENP from our work. Western Ghats has 335

species and Kerala state has 326 species as per the latest estimates (Sadasivan & Sengupta, in press 2022). Thus, ENP harbours 60.73% of butterflies of Kerala and 59.10% species of butterflies seen in the WG.

Fourteen species of family Papilionidae were recorded out of the 19 (73.69%) species seen in Kerala and WG. The commonest of them was *Graphium teredon* (Felder & Felder, 1865). None of the endemic papilionids were recorded during the present study. The largest butterfly and the south Indian endemic *Troides minos* (Cramer, [1779]) was occasionally seen in the western boundaries. *Papilio dravidarum* Wood-Mason, 1880, and *Pachliopta pandiyana* (Moore, 1881) are mentioned in the management plan, but we have no records of this WG endemic, which may be seen in the wetter western slopes. *Papilio paris tamilana* Moore, 1881 is occasionally seen in the sholas and sub-tropical forests on the west, while *Papilio crino* Fabricius, 1793 was a very rare straggler from the eastern slopes.

Twenty-five species of Pierids were observed inside the ENP out of the 32 (78.13%) species in Kerala and 34 (73.53%) species in WG. Colias nilagiriensis Felder & Felder, 1859, and Appias wardii (Moore, 1884) were the WG endemics seen in the ENP. Catopsilia pomona pomona (Fabricius, 1775) and Appias (Catophaga) albina swinhoei (Moore, 1905) were the commonest species followed by Eurema laeta laeta (Boisduval, 1836) and Eurema brigitta rubella (Wallace, 1867) in our observation. Eurema (Terias) nilgiriensis (Yata, 1990), Prioneris sita (Felder & Felder, 1865), Appias libythea (Fabricius, 1775), and Pareronia hippia (Fabricius, 1787) are possible stragglers from the low evergreen side on the west (<1,000 m), while Colotis fausta fulvia (Wallace, 1867) is occasionally encountered on the western slopes, and Pareronia hippia (Fabricius, 1787) on the eastern slopes. However, there are no confirmed records of these species inside the ENP.

Nymphalidae had the highest number of butterflies in ENP with 70 species recorded of the 97 (72.16%) in Kerala and 100 (70%) in WG. Amongst the subfamilies of Nymphalidae, Satyrinae topped the numbers with 20 species followed by Limenitidinae (14 species) and Nymphalinae 10 (species). This is not surprising as the major part of the landscape is covered in grass (Poaceae), the larval hostplant of most Satyrines. *Ypthima ypthimoides* (Moore, 1881), *Lethe rohria neelgheriensis* (Guérin-Méneville, 1843), *Ypthima baldus baldus* (Fabricius, 1775), and *Ypthima huebneri* Kirby, 1871 were the most common Satyrines encountered. *Ochlandra* sp. dependent species like *Zipaetis saitis* Hewitson, 1863 and *Parantirrhoea marshalli* Wood-

Mason, 1881 are yet to be found in the ENP but may be seen in the lower western slopes, while the dry species Ypthima ceylonica Hewitson, 1865, may occur on the eastern slopes. Telinga davisoni (Moore, [1891]) Telinga oculus Marshall, 1881, Ypthima ypthimoides (Moore, 1881), and Ypthima chenu (Guérin-Méneville, 1843) are grassland depended endemic Satyrines. Of these, Telinga davisoni (Moore, [1891]) is endemic to the landscape and Palnis. Argynnis castetsi (Oberthür, 1891), Neptis palnica Eliot, 1969 and *Parantica nilgiriensis* (Moore, 1877) are montane temperate shola Nymphalid endemics. Charaxes psaphon imna Butler, 1870, Charaxes schreiber wardii (Moore, 1896), Idea malabarica (Moore, 1877), Kallima horsfieldii Kollar, [1844], Cethosia mahratta Moore, 1872, and Dophla evelina laudabilis Swinhoe, 1890, are reported on the western lower slopes, but not inside the ENP, while Byblia ilithyia (Drury, [1773]) and Symphaedra nais (Forster, 1771) are rare stragglers of the eastern dry Chinnar slopes.

Of the two species of Riodinidae seen in Kerala and WG, only one species—*Abisara echerius prunosa* Moore, 1879—has been recorded from ENP.

Of the 100 species of Lycaenidae in WG and 97 in Kerala, 42 species have been reported from ENP. *Celatoxia albidisca* (Moore, [1884]) is the only endemic species of lycaenid recorded here. Polyommatinae subfamily had 31 taxa, the maximum number of species, Theclinae had only nine, Miletinae had one species, while Curetinae was unrepresented. Interestingly none of the three dependent species from tribe *Arhopalini* were recorded. *Azanus jesous gamra* (Lederer, 1855) and *Azanus ubaldus* (Stoll, [1782]) are dryland species seen on the eastern slopes, but till now not recorded inside ENP. *Freyeria putli* (Kollar, [1844]) was a common species. *Creon cleobis cleobis* (Godart, [1824]), the sole representative of tribe lolaini -was not rare on the shola edges.

Forty-six species of Hesperiidae were noted inside ENP, out of the 82 species seen in Kerala (56.09%) and WG (56.09%). Eight endemics were noted, they were primary grass feeders like *Arnetta mercara* Evans, 1932, *Baracus hampsoni* Elwes & Edwards, 1897, *Baracus subditus* Moore, [1884], and *Oriens concinna* (Elwes & Edwards, 1897). Some Bamboo and *Calamus* sp. feeding butterflies like *Thoressa evershedi* (Evans, 1910), *Caltoris canaraica* (Moore, [1884]), *Thoressa astigmata* (Swinhoe, 1890), and *Quedara basiflava* (de Nicéville, [1889]), were recorded occasionally from the western slopes. Sreekumar et al. (2018) reported *Tagiades litigiosa litigiosa* Möschler, 1878, and *Gerosis bhagava bhagava* (Moore, [1866]), both low-midland species from ENP. But, based on our field data these records are Table 1. Summary of comparison of Western Ghats (WG), Kerala, and Eravikulam National Park (ENP) with respect to butterfly families, endemic status, IUCN Red List status, and legal protection under Indian Wildlife Protection Act 1972.

| Family-wise statistics | | | | | | |
|----------------------------|-----|--------|-----|--|--|--|
| Family | WG | Kerala | ENP | | | |
| Papilionidae | 19 | 19 | 14 | | | |
| Pieridae | 34 | 32 | 25 | | | |
| Nymphalidae | 100 | 97 | 70 | | | |
| Riodinidae | 2 | 2 | 1 | | | |
| Lycaenidae | 98 | 94 | 42 | | | |
| Hesperiidae | 82 | 82 | 46 | | | |
| Total | 335 | 326 | 198 | | | |
| Endemic species | | | | | | |
| Family | WG | Kerala | ENP | | | |
| Papilionidae | 4 | 4 | 2 | | | |
| Pieridae | 3 | 3 | 3 | | | |
| Nymphalidae | 18 | 18 | 8 | | | |
| Riodinidae | 0 | 0 | 0 | | | |
| Lycaenidae | 5 | 5 | 1 | | | |
| Hesperiidae | 12 | 12 | 8 | | | |
| Total | 42 | 42 | 22 | | | |
| IUCN Red List status | | | | | | |
| Red List Category | WG | Kerala | ENP | | | |
| Least Concern | 20 | 20 | 17 | | | |
| Lower Risk/Near Threatened | 2 | 2 | 1 | | | |
| Total | 22 | 22 | 18 | | | |
| WPA 1972 legal status | | | | | | |
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| Schedule II | 45 | 44 | 18 | | | |
| Schedule IV | 11 | 11 | 5 | | | |
| Total | 63 | 62 | 27 | | | |

doubtful, and are possibly stragglers to high elevations, hence records of these are highly unlikely inside ENP, although these may be found on the western and eastern slopes at lower elevations.

Endemicity

Thirty-five species of butterflies from ENP had some kind of endemicity associated with them (Table 2). Twenty-two (52.38%) were strictly endemic to WG. Two papilionids, three pierids, eight nymphalids, one lycaenid, and eight hesperiids of ENP are endemic to the WG.

Table 2. Family-wise list of endemic species and their known distribution.

| | Scientific name — Common name | Endemicity | | |
|----|--|------------|--|--|
| 1 | Troides minos (Cramer, [1779]) — Sahyadri Birdwing | WG and SI | | |
| 2 | Pachliopta pandiyana (Moore, 1881) — Malabar Rose | | | |
| 3 | 3 Pachliopta hector (Linnaeus, 1758) — Crimson Rose | | | |
| 4 | Graphium teredon (Felder & Felder, 1865) — Narrow- banded Bluebottle | SI | | |
| 5 | <i>Papilio dravidarum</i> Wood-Mason, 1880 — Malabar Raven | WG | | |
| 6 | <i>Eurema (Terias) nilgiriensis</i> (Yata, 1990) — Sahyadri Grass Yellow | WG | | |
| 7 | Colias nilagiriensis Felder & Felder, 1859 — Nilgiri Clouded Yellow | WG | | |
| 8 | <i>Prioneris sita</i> (Felder & Felder, 1865) — Painted Sawtooth | SI and SL | | |
| 9 | Appias wardii (Moore, 1884) — Sahyadri Albatross / Ward's Albatross | WG | | |
| 10 | <i>Lethe drypetis todara</i> Moore, 1881 — Dakhan Treebrown | SI and SL | | |
| 11 | <i>Mycalesis patnia junonia</i> Butler, 1868 — Malabar Glad-eye Bushbrown | SI | | |
| 12 | Mycalesis subdita Moore, 1892 — Tamil Bushbrown | SI and SL | | |
| 13 | Telinga davisoni (Moore, [1891]) — Palni Bushbrown | WG | | |
| 14 | Telinga oculus Marshall, 1881 — Red-disc Bushbrown | WG | | |
| 15 | Ypthima ceylonica Hewitson, 1865 — White Four-ring | PI and SL | | |
| 16 | Ypthima chenu (Guérin-Méneville, 1843) — Nilgiri Four-ring | WG | | |
| 17 | Ypthima ypthimoides (Moore, 1881) — Palni Four-ring | WG | | |
| 18 | 18 Cethosia mahratta Moore, 1872 — Sahyadri Lacewing | | | |
| 19 | Argynnis castetsi (Oberthür, 1891) — Palni Fritillary | WG | | |
| 20 | 0 Cirrochroa thais thais (Fabricius, 1787) — Sahyadri Yeoman | | | |
| 21 | Neptis palnica Eliot, 1969 — Palni/ Creamy Sailer | WG | | |
| 22 | Parantica nilgiriensis (Moore, 1877) — Nilgiri Tiger | WG | | |
| 23 | <i>Celatoxia albidisca</i> (Moore, [1884]) — White-disc Hedge Blue | WG | | |
| 24 | <i>Ionolyce helicon viola</i> (Moore, 1877) — Sri Lankan Pointed Lineblue | WG and SL | | |
| 25 | <i>Cigaritis schistacea</i> (Moore, [1881]) — Plumbeous Silverline | PI and SL | | |
| 26 | <i>Celaenorrhinus fusca</i> (Hampson, 1888) — Dusky Spotted Flat | PI | | |
| 27 | Arnetta mercara Evans, 1932 — Coorg Forest Bob | WG | | |
| 28 | Baracus hampsoni Elwes & Edwards, 1897 — Malabar Hedge Hopper | WG | | |
| 29 | <i>Baracus subditus</i> Moore, [1884] — Yellow-striped Hedge Hopper | WG | | |
| 30 | <i>Quedara basiflava</i> (de Nicéville, [1889]) — Yellow- base Flitter | WG | | |
| 31 | <i>Thoressa astigmata</i> (Swinhoe, 1890) — Unbranded Ace | WG | | |
| 32 | Thoressa evershedi (Evans, 1910) — Travancore Tawny Ace | WG | | |
| 33 | Oriens concinna (Elwes & Edwards, 1897) — Sahyadri Dartlet | WG | | |
| 34 | Potanthus diana (Evans, 1932) — Chinese Dart | PI | | |
| 35 | Caltoris canaraica (Moore, [1884]) — Karwar Swift | WG | | |

IUCN Red List

Eighteen species are under the Red List of IUCN, in accordance with the global population status. Except for *Parantica nilgiriensis* in the Near Threatened category, all others are under Least Concern. In addition *Pachliopta pandiyana* (Moore, 1881) and *Byblia ilithyia* (Drury, [1773]) are stragglers to the ENP under the Least Concern category (Table 3).

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Twenty-seven species from ENP were under the schedules of WPA and its amendments. Two species are in schedule I, one in both schedule I&II, 17 under schedule II, and four under schedule IV (Table 4). Of them *Charaxes schreiber wardii* (Moore, 1896), *Dophla evelina laudabilis* Swinhoe, 1890, *Prioneris sita* (Felder & Felder, 1865), and *Appias libythea* (Fabricius, 1775) were stragglers.

Butterfly Migration in ENP

Eravikulam falls in the main migration path of Anamalai-High Range-Palni landscape. The major passage is the return migration before the northeast monsoons towards the Western Ghats. The major family of this migration is the nymphalids, though the process starts with the pierids. There are two paths followed by the migrants, one is from the Amaravati Valley through Marayur gap and the other is from Palnis. The butterflies ascend into the ENP plateau through the Olikudi, and similar valleys on the eastern slopes of Marayur and Chinnar, passing through Poovar and descend into Valparai and Edamalayar valleys, finally dispersing into the lower Periyar landscape. Major component of the migration are danaines like Tirumala septentrionis dravidarum Fruhstorfer, 1899, Euploea core core (Cramer, [1780]), Tirumala limniace exoticus (Gmelin, 1790), Danaus chrysippus chrysippus (Linnaeus, 1758), and Euploea sylvester coreta (Godart, 1819). The pierid component is Catopsilia pomona pomona (Fabricius, 1775), Appias (Catophaga) albina swinhoei (Moore, 1905), and Appias wardii (Moore, 1884). Lycaenids like Jamides bochus bochus (Stoll, [1782]) & Lampides boeticus (Linnaeus, 1767) and hesperiids like Pelopidas agna agna (Moore, [1866]) & Pelopidas mathias mathias (Fabricius, 1798) also migrate. The onward migration from Western Ghats to Tamil Nadu plains and the Eastern Ghats is less striking and obvious. List of migrating butterflies is given in Table 5.

WG-Western Ghats | PI-Peninsular India | SL-Sri Lanka | SI-Southern India.

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Image 3. Some interesting butterflies of Eravikulam National Park: A—Argynnis castetsi (Oberthür, 1891) Palni Fritillary | B—Telinga davisoni (Moore, [1891]) Palni Bushbrown | C—Neptis palnica Eliot, 1969 Palni Sailer | D—Telinga oculus Marshall, 1881 Red-disc Bushbrown | E— Parantica nilgiriensis (Moore, 1877) Nilgiri Tiger | F—Celatoxia albidisca (Moore, [1884]) White-disc Hedge Blue | G—Baracus subditus Moore, [1884] Yellow-striped Hedge Hoppe | H—Oriens concinna (Elwes & Edwards, 1897) Sahyadri Dartlet | I—Caltoris canaraica (Moore, [1884]) Karwar Swift | J—Colias nilagiriensis Felder & Felder, 1859 Nilgiri Clouded Yellow. © A-B, D-J—Kalesh Sadasivan & C—Preeti Y.

Table 3. List of species in ENP under Red List of IUCN.

| | Scientific name — Common name | | | | |
|----|---|----|--|--|--|
| 1 | Troides minos (Cramer, [1779]) — Sahyadri Birdwing | LC | | | |
| 2 | Pachliopta pandiyana (Moore, 1881) — Malabar Rose | LC | | | |
| 3 | Pachliopta aristolochiae aristolochiae (Fabricius, 1775) — Indian Common Rose | LC | | | |
| 4 | Pachliopta hector (Linnaeus, 1758) — Crimson Rose | LC | | | |
| 5 | Eurema (Terias) andersoni shimai Yata & Gaonkar, 1999 — Sahyadri One-spot Grass Yellow | LC | | | |
| 6 | <i>Eurema brigitta rubella</i> (Wallace, 1867) — Small Grass Yellow | LC | | | |
| 7 | <i>Belenois aurota aurota</i> (Fabricius, 1793) — Indian Pioneer | LC | | | |
| 8 | <i>Melanitis leda leda</i> (Linnaeus, 1758) — Oriental Common Evening Brown | LC | | | |
| 9 | Rohana parisatis atacinus Fruhstorfer, 1913 — Sahyadri Black Prince | LC | | | |
| 10 | <i>Byblia ilithyia</i> (Drury, [1773]) — Joker | LC | | | |
| 11 | Junonia almana almana (Linnaeus, 1758) — Oriental Peacock Pansy | LC | | | |
| 12 | <i>Junonia hierta hierta</i> (Fabricius, 1798) — Oriental Yellow Pansy | LC | | | |
| 13 | Vanessa cardui (Linnaeus, 1758) — Painted Lady | LC | | | |
| 14 | Euploea core core (Cramer, [1780]) — Indian Common Crow | LC | | | |
| 15 | Parantica nilgiriensis (Moore, 1877) — Nilgiri Tiger | NT | | | |
| 16 | Zizula hylax hylax (Fabricius, 1775) — Indian Tiny Grass Blue | LC | | | |
| 17 | <i>Cheritra freja butleri</i> Cowan, 1965 — Sahyadri Common Imperial | LC | | | |
| 18 | Pelopidas mathias mathias (Fabricius, 1798) — Dakhan Small Branded Swift | LC | | | |
| | | - | | | |

* LC—Least Concern | NT—Near Threatened.

CONCLUSIONS

This paper critically summarises the butterfly fauna of ENP. A total of 198 species of butterflies were recorded from ENP including point endemics like Neptis palnica Eliot, 1969, and Telinga davisoni (Moore, [1891]) found only in this landscape. These are montane grasslandshola depended species. Moreover, ENP also holds Parantica nilgiriensis (Moore, 1877) a Near Threatened species, and another 11 Western Ghat endemics namely: Palni Bushbrown Telinga davisoni (Moore, [1891]), Reddisc Bushbrown Telinga oculus Marshall, 1881, Nilgiri Four-ring Ypthima chenu (Guérin-Méneville, 1843), Palni Four-ring Ypthima ypthimoides (Moore, 1881), Coorg Forest Bob Arnetta mercara Evans, 1932, Malabar Hedge Hopper Baracus hampsoni Elwes & Edwards, 1897, Yellow-striped Hedge Hopper Baracus subditus Moore, [1884], Unbranded Ace Thoressa astigmata (Swinhoe, 1890), Travancore Tawny Ace Thoressa evershedi (Evans, 1910), Sahyadri Dartlet Oriens concinna (Elwes

Table 4. List of species in ENP under WPA 1972.

| | Scientific name — Common name | WPA 1972 Schedule |
|----|--|-------------------------|
| 1 | Pachliopta hector (Linnaeus, 1758) — Crimson Rose | I |
| 2 | <i>Eurema (Terias) andersoni shimai</i> Yata & Gaonkar, 1999 — Sahyadri One-spot Grass Yellow | Ш |
| 3 | <i>Prioneris sita</i> (Felder & Felder, 1865) — Painted Sawtooth | IV |
| 4 | <i>Cepora nadina remba</i> (Moore, [1858]) — Sahyadri Lesser Gull | Ш |
| 5 | Appias (Hiposcritia) indra shiva (Swinhoe, 1885) — Sahyadri Plain Puffin | Ш |
| 6 | <i>Appias libythea</i> (Fabricius, 1775) — Western Striped Albatross | IV |
| 7 | Appias wardii (Moore, 1884) — Sahyadri Albatross / Ward's Albatross | Ш |
| 8 | <i>Melanitis zitenius gokala</i> Moore, 1857 — Sahyadri Great Evening Brown | Ш |
| 9 | <i>Mycalesis anaxias anaxias</i> Hewitson, 1862 — Sahyadri White-bar Bushbrown | Ш |
| 10 | <i>Charaxes schreiber wardii</i> (Moore, 1896) — Sahyadri Blue Nawab | I |
| 11 | <i>Libythea laius lepitoides</i> Moore, 1903 — Sahyadri Lobed Beak | Ш |
| 12 | Dophla evelina laudabilis Swinhoe, 1890 — Sahyadri Redspot Duke | Ш |
| 13 | <i>Tanaecia lepidea miyana</i> (Fruhstorfer, 1913) — Peninsular Grey Count | Ш |
| 14 | <i>Athyma ranga karwara</i> (Fruhstorfer, 1906) — Karwar Blackvein Sergeant | Ш |
| 15 | Neptis nata hampsoni Moore, 1899 — Sahyadri Clear Sailer | Ш |
| 16 | Neptis palnica Eliot, 1969 — Palni/ Creamy Sailer | Ш |
| 17 | Parthenos sylvia virens Moore, 1877 — Sahyadri Clipper | Ш |
| 18 | Hypolimnas misippus (Linnaeus, 1764) — Danaid Eggfly | I,II |
| 19 | Euchrysops cnejus cnejus (Fabricius, 1798) — Oriental Gram Blue | Ш |
| 20 | Lampides boeticus (Linnaeus, 1767) — Pea Blue | Ш |
| 21 | Nacaduba pactolus continentalis Fruhstorfer, 1916 — Continental Large Four-Lineblue | Ш |
| 22 | Prosotas noreia hampsonii (de Nicéville, 1885) — Indian White-tipped Lineblue | I |
| 23 | Tarucus ananda (de Nicéville, [1883]) — Dark Pierrot | IV |
| 24 | Cigaritis lohita lazularia (Moore, 1881) — Tamil Long- banded Silverline | Ш |
| 25 | Catapaecilma major callone (Fruhstorfer, 1915) — Sahyadri Common Tinsel | Ш |
| 26 | <i>Oriens concinna</i> (Elwes & Edwards, 1897) — Sahyadri Dartlet | IV |
| 27 | Pelopidas subochracea subochracea (Moore, 1878) — Bengal Large Branded Swift | IV |

& Edwards, 1897), and Karwar Swift *Caltoris canaraica* (Moore, [1884]), which are primary grass (Poaceae) feeders.

During the field work we observed that even though well-protected, the ENP is facing pressures from forest/grassland fires, anthropogenic effects like use of pesticides and invasive flora from tea estates on

Table 5. List of migratory butterflies of Eravikulam National Park.

| | Family | Tribe | Taxon |
|----|--------------|---------------|---|
| 1 | Papilionidae | Papilioninae | Pachliopta aristolochiae aristolochiae (Fabricius, 1775) |
| 2 | Papilionidae | Papilioninae | Pachliopta hector (Linnaeus, 1758) |
| 3 | Papilionidae | Papilioninae | Papilio demoleus demoleus Linnaeus, 1758 |
| 4 | Papilionidae | Papilioninae | Papilio polytes romulus Cramer, [1775] |
| 5 | Pieridae | Coliadinae | Catopsilia pomona pomona (Fabricius, 1775) |
| 6 | Pieridae | Coliadinae | Catopsilia pyranthe pyranthe (Linnaeus, 1758) |
| 7 | Pieridae | Pierinae | Cepora nerissa phryne (Fabricius, 1775) |
| 8 | Pieridae | Pierinae | Belenois aurota aurota (Fabricius, 1793) |
| 9 | Pieridae | Pierinae | Appias (Catophaga) albina swinhoei (Moore, 1905) |
| 10 | Pieridae | Pierinae | Appias (Hiposcritia) indra shiva (Swinhoe, 1885) |
| 11 | Pieridae | Pierinae | Appias wardii (Moore, 1884) |
| 12 | Nymphalidae | Nymphalinae | Hypolimnas bolina jacintha (Drury, 1773) |
| 13 | Nymphalidae | Nymphalinae | Hypolimnas misippus (Linnaeus, 1764) |
| 14 | Nymphalidae | Nymphalinae | <i>Junonia almana almana</i> (Linnaeus, 1758) |
| 15 | Nymphalidae | Nymphalinae | <i>Junonia hierta hierta</i> (Fabricius, 1798) |
| 16 | Nymphalidae | Nymphalinae | Junonia lemonias lemonias (Linnaeus, 1758) |
| 17 | Nymphalidae | Nymphalinae | Junonia orithya Butler, 1885 |
| 18 | Nymphalidae | Nymphalinae | <i>Vanessa cardui</i> (Linnaeus, 1758) |
| 19 | Nymphalidae | Danainae | Danaus chrysippus chrysippus (Linnaeus, 1758) |
| 20 | Nymphalidae | Danainae | Danaus genutia genutia (Cramer, [1779]) |
| 21 | Nymphalidae | Danainae | Euploea core core (Cramer, [1780]) |
| 22 | Nymphalidae | Danainae | Euploea sylvester coreta (Godart, 1819) |
| 23 | Nymphalidae | Danainae | Parantica aglea aglea (Stoll, [1782]) |
| 24 | Nymphalidae | Danainae | <i>Tirumala limniace exoticus</i> (Gmelin, 1790) |
| 25 | Nymphalidae | Danainae | Tirumala septentrionis dravidarum Fruhstorfer, 1899 |
| 26 | Lycaenidae | Polyommatinae | Jamides bochus bochus (Stoll, [1782]) |
| 27 | Lycaenidae | Polyommatinae | Lampides boeticus (Linnaeus, 1767) |
| 28 | Hesperiidae | Hesperiinae | Pelopidas agna agna (Moore, [1866]) |
| 29 | Hesperiidae | Hesperiinae | Pelopidas mathias mathias (Fabricius, 1798) |

its borders. Invasive alien species from tea estates like Eucalyptus and Wattle colonise the fringes of ENP, must be systematically removed. The tourism zone is highly vulnerable due to the constant human and vehicular Sadasívan et al.

movement during the dry season. There is marginal grazing in and around the boundary of the National Park. Fire is the most alarming threat to the shola grassland ecosystem (Anonymous 2012).

In addition, the Nilgiri Tahr, *Nilgiritragus hylocrius* (Ogilby, 1838) (the flagship-mammal) oriented forest management practices, like controlled burning of primary grasslands, significantly affect the invertebrate fauna like grasshoppers (Bhaskar et al. 2019), and hence herb/grass feeding butterflies. ENP being the last patch of undisturbed montane shola-grasslands of peninsular India, needs urgent changes in management practices for survival of grassland and shola-dependent endemic invertebrate species.

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Appendix I. Checklist of Butterflies of Eravikulam National Park and Its Environs, Kerala (*POP-Population status as VC–Very Common, C– Common, NR–Not Rare, R– Rare, VR–Very Rare and S–Stragglers, **END– Endemicity as WG–Western Ghats, PI–Peninsular India, SL– Sri Lanka, SI–South India, *IUCN –IUCN Red List Status, #WPA–Indian Wildlife Protection Act Schedule as Sch.)

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|---------|---|------|---------|-------|--------|
| | Scientific name — Common name | Pop* | End** | IUCN⁺ | WPA# |
| Papilio | nidae | | | | |
| 1 | Troides minos (Cramer, [1779]) — Sahyadri Birdwing | R | WG & SI | LC | |
| 2 | Pachliopta pandiyana (Moore, 1881) — Malabar Rose | VR | WG | LC | |
| 3 | Pachliopta aristolochiae aristolochiae (Fabricius, 1775) — Indian Common Rose | R | | LC | |
| 4 | Pachliopta hector (Linnaeus, 1758) — Crimson Rose | с | PI & SL | LC | Sch I |
| 5 | Graphium agamemnon menides (Fruhstorfer, 1904) — Dakhan Tailed Jay | R | | | |
| 6 | Graphium doson eleius (Felder & Felder, 1864) — Dakhan Common Jay | R | | | |
| 7 | Graphium nomius nomius (Esper, 1799)– Indian Spot Swordtail | VR | | | |
| 8 | Graphium teredon (Felder & Felder, 1865) — Narrow-banded Bluebottle | С | SI | | |
| 9 | Papilio demoleus demoleus Linnaeus, 1758 — Northern Lime Swallowtail | с | | | |
| 10 | Papilio dravidarum Wood-Mason, 1880 — Malabar Raven | VR | WG | | |
| 11 | Papilio helenus daksha Hampson, 1888 — Sahyadri Red Helen | NR | | | |
| 12 | Papilio polymnestor polymnestor Cramer, [1775] — Indian Blue Mormon | NR | | | |
| 13 | Papilio polytes romulus Cramer, [1775] — Indian Common Mormon | с | | | |
| 14 | Papilio paris tamilana Moore, 1881 — Sahyadri Paris Peacock | R | | | |
| Pierida | e | | | | |
| 15 | Catopsilia pomonapomona (Fabricius, 1775) — Oriental Lemon Emigrant | С | | | |
| 16 | Catopsilia pyranthe pyranthe (Linnaeus, 1758) — Oriental Mottled Emigrant | R | | | |
| 17 | Eurema andersoni shimai Yata & Gaonkar, 1999 — Sahyadri One-spot Grass Yellow | VR | | LC | Sch II |
| 18 | Eurema nilgiriensis (Yata, 1990) — Sahyadri Grass Yellow | VR | WG | | |
| 19 | Eurema blanda silhetana (Wallace, 1867) — Sylhet Three-spot Grass Yellow | NR | | | |
| 20 | Euremahecabe hecabe (Linnaeus, 1758) — Oriental Common Grass Yellow | NR | | | |
| 21 | Eurema laeta laeta (Boisduval, 1836) — Indian Spotless Grass Yellow | с | | | |
| 22 | Eurema brigitta rubella (Wallace, 1867) — Small Grass Yellow | с | | LC | |
| 23 | Colias nilagiriensis Felder & Felder, 1859 — Nilgiri Clouded Yellow | NR | WG | | |
| 24 | Delias eucharis (Drury, 1773) — Indian Jezebel | R | | | |
| 25 | Prioneris sita (Felder & Felder, 1865) — Painted Sawtooth | VR | SI & SL | | Sch IV |
| 26 | Pieris canidia canis Evans, 1912 — Sahyadri Cabbage White | VC | | | |
| 27 | Cepora nadina remba (Moore, [1858]) — Sahyadri Lesser Gull | VR | | | Sch II |
| 28 | Cepora nerissa phryne (Fabricius, 1775) — Dakhan Common Gull | R | | | |
| 29 | Belenois aurota aurota (Fabricius, 1793) — Indian Pioneer | R | | LC | |
| 30 | Appias (Catophaga) albina swinhoei (Moore, 1905) — Sahyadri Common Albatross | с | | | |
| 31 | Appias (Hiposcritia) indra shiva (Swinhoe, 1885) — Sahyadri Plain Puffin | NR | | | Sch II |
| 32 | Appias lalage lalage (Doubleday, 1842) — Himalayan Spot Puffin | VR | | | |
| 33 | Appias libythea (Fabricius, 1775) — Western Striped Albatross | R | | | Sch IV |
| 34 | Appias wardii (Moore, 1884) — Sahyadri Albatross / Ward's Albatross | R | WG | | Sch II |
| 35 | Leptosia nina nina (Fabricius, 1793) — Oriental Psyche | R | | | |
| 36 | Colotis fausta fulvia (Wallace, 1867) — Dakhan Large Salmon Arab | s | | | 1 |
| 37 | Ixias pyrene sesia (Fabricius, 1777) — Dakhan Yellow Orange-tip | R | | | 1 |
| 38 | Pareronia hippia (Fabricius, 1787) — Common Wanderer | R | | | 1 |
| 39 | Hebomoia glaucippe australis Butler, 1898 — Sahyadri Great Orange-tip | NR | | | 1 |
| Nymph | alidae | 1 | 1 | 1 | .1 |
| 40 | Melanitis leda leda (Linnaeus, 1758) — Oriental Common Evening Brown | с | | LC | |

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| | Scientific name — Common name | Pop* | End** | IUCN⁺ | WPA# |
|----|--|------|---------|-------|--------|
| 41 | Melanitis phedima varaha Moore, 1857 — Sahyadri Dark Evening Brown | NR | | | |
| 42 | Melanitis zitenius gokala Moore, 1857 — Sahyadri Great Evening Brown | R | | | Sch II |
| 43 | Lethe drypetis todara Moore, 1881 — Dakhan Treebrown | R | SI & SL | | |
| 44 | Lethe europa europa (Fabricius, 1775) — Dakhan Bamboo Treebrown | R | | | |
| 45 | Lethe rohria neelgheriensis (Guérin-Méneville, 1843) — Common Treebrown | С | | | |
| 46 | Mycalesis anaxias anaxias Hewitson, 1862 — Sahyadri White-bar Bushbrown | NR | | | Sch II |
| 47 | Mycalesis patnia junonia Butler, 1868 — Malabar Glad-eye Bushbrown | С | SI | | |
| 48 | Mycalesis mineus polydecta (Cramer, [1777]) —Dakhan Dark-branded Bushbrown | С | | | |
| 49 | Mycalesis perseus tabitha (Fabricius, 1793) — Dakhan Common Bushbrown | С | | | |
| 50 | Mycalesis subdita Moore, 1892 — Tamil Bushbrown | NR | SI & SL | | |
| 51 | Mycalesis visala visala Moore, [1858] — Indian Long-branded Bushbrown | NR | | | |
| 52 | Orsotriaena medus mandata (Moore, 1857) — Sahyadri Medus Brown | R | | | |
| 53 | Telinga davisoni (Moore, [1891]) — Palni Bushbrown | R | WG | | |
| 54 | Telinga oculus Marshall, 1881 — Red-disc Bushbrown | NR | WG | | |
| 55 | Ypthima baldus baldus (Fabricius, 1775) — Common Five-ring | С | | | |
| 56 | Ypthima ceylonica Hewitson, 1865 — White Four-ring | S | PI & SL | | |
| 57 | Ypthima chenu (Guérin-Méneville, 1843) — Nilgiri Four-ring | NR | WG | | |
| 58 | Ypthima huebneri Kirby, 1871 — Common Four-ring | VC | | | |
| 59 | Ypthima ypthimoides (Moore, 1881) — Palni Four-ring | С | WG | | |
| 60 | Rohana parisatis atacinus Fruhstorfer, 1913 — Sahyadri Black Prince | NR | | LC | |
| 61 | Ariadne ariadne indica (Moore, 1884) — Indian Angled Castor | R | | | |
| 62 | Ariadne merione merione (Cramer, [1777]) — Dakhan Common Castor | R | | | |
| 63 | Byblia ilithyia (Drury, [1773]) — Joker | S | | LC | |
| 64 | Charaxes bharata Felder & Felder, [1867] — Indian Nawab | VR | | | |
| 65 | Charaxes psaphon imna Butler, 1870 — Indian Plain Tawny Rajah | S | | | |
| 66 | Charaxes schreiber wardii (Moore, 1896) — Sahyadri Blue Nawab | S | | | Sch I |
| 67 | Cyrestis thyodamas indica Evans, 1924 — Common Map | NR | | | |
| 68 | Acraea terpsicore (Linnaeus, 1758) — Tawny Coster | R | | | |
| 69 | Cethosia mahratta Moore, 1872 — Sahyadri Lacewing | VR | WG | | |
| 70 | Argynnis castetsi (Oberthür, 1891) — Palni Fritillary | С | WG | | |
| 71 | Cirrochroa thais thais (Fabricius, 1787) — Sahyadri Yeoman | NR | SI & SL | | |
| 72 | Cupha erymanthis maja Fruhstorfer, 1898 — Sahyadri Rustic | С | | | |
| 73 | Phalanta phalantha phalantha (Drury, [1773]) — Oriental Common Leopard | R | | | |
| 74 | Vindula erota saloma de Nicéville, 1886 — Sahyadri Cruiser | С | | | |
| 75 | Libythea laius lepitoides Moore, 1903 — Sahyadri Lobed Beak | R | | | Sch II |
| 76 | Libythea myrrha rama Moore, 1872 — Sri Lankan Club Beak | С | | | |
| 77 | Dophla evelina laudabilis Swinhoe, 1890 — Sahyadri Redspot Duke | S | | | Sch II |
| 78 | Symphaedra nais (Forster, 1771) — Baronet | S | | | |
| 79 | Tanaecia lepidea miyana (Fruhstorfer, 1913) — Peninsular Grey Count | R | | | Sch II |
| 80 | Athyma inara Westwood, 1850 — Color Sergeant | R | | | |
| 81 | Athyma perius perius (Linnaeus, 1758) — Oriental Common Sergeant | R | | | |
| 82 | Athyma ranga karwara (Fruhstorfer, 1906) — Karwar Blackvein Sergeant | R | 1 | | Sch II |
| 83 | Athyma selenophora kanara (Evans, 1924) — Staff Sergeant | R | | | 1 |
| 84 | Moduza procris procris Fruhstorfer, 1906 — Sahyadri Commander | С | | | |
| 85 | Neptis clinia kallaura Moore, 1881 — Sahyadri Sullied Sailer | R | 1 | | |

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| 86 | Neptis hylas varmona Moore, 1872 — Indian Common Sailer | R | | | - |
| 87 | Neptis jumbah nalanda Fruhstorfer, 1908 — Nalanda Chestnut-streaked Sailer | R | | | |
| 88 | Neptis nata hampsoni Moore, 1899 — Sahyadri Clear Sailer | VR | | | Sch II |
| 89 | Neptis palnica Eliot, 1969 — Palni/Creamy Sailer | R | WG | | Sch II |
| 90 | Parthenos sylvia virens Moore, 1877 — Sahyadri Clipper | R | | | Sch II |
| 91 | Hypolimnas bolina jacintha (Drury, 1773) — Oriental Great Eggfly | С | | | |
| 92 | Hypolimnas misippus (Linnaeus, 1764) — Danaid Eggfly | NR | | | Sch I,II |
| 93 | Junonia almana almana (Linnaeus, 1758) — Oriental Peacock Pansy | R | | LC | |
| 94 | Junonia hierta hierta (Fabricius, 1798) — Oriental Yellow Pansy | С | | LC | |
| 95 | Junonia iphita iphita (Cramer, [1779]) — Chocolate Pansy | С | | | |
| 96 | Junonia lemonias lemonias (Linnaeus, 1758) — Chinese Lemon Pansy | С | | | |
| 97 | Junonia orithya Butler, 1885 — Pale Blue Pansy | с | | | |
| 98 | Kaniska canace viridis Evans, 1924 — Sahyadri Blue Admiral | NR | | | |
| 99 | Vanessa indica pholoe (Fruhstorfer, 1912) — Sahyadri Red Admiral | NR | | | |
| 100 | Vanessa cardui (Linnaeus, 1758) — Painted Lady | NR | | LC | |
| 101 | Danaus chrysippus chrysippus (Linnaeus, 1758) — Oriental Plain Tiger | С | | | |
| 102 | Danaus genutia genutia (Cramer, [1779]) — Oriental Striped Tiger | с | | | |
| 103 | Euploea core core (Cramer, [1780]) — Indian Common Crow | С | | LC | |
| 104 | Euploea klugii kollari Felder & Felder, [1865] — Brown King Crow | VR | | | |
| 105 | Euploea sylvester coreta (Godart, 1819) — Double-branded Black Crow | NR | | | |
| 106 | Parantica aglea aglea (Stoll, [1782]) — Coromandel Glassy Tiger | С | | | |
| 107 | Parantica nilgiriensis (Moore, 1877) — Nilgiri Tiger | R | WG | NT | |
| 108 | Tirumala limniace exoticus (Gmelin, 1790) — Oriental Blue Tiger | VC | | | |
| 109 | Tirumala septentrionis dravidarum Fruhstorfer, 1899 — Dakhan Dark Blue Tiger | VC | | | |
| Riodini | dae | | | | |
| 110 | Abisara echerius prunosa Moore, 1879 — Lankan Plum Judy | NR | | | |
| Lycaen | idae | | | | |
| 111 | Spalgis epius epius (Westwood, 1852) — Oriental Apefly | E | | | |
| 112 | Anthene lycaenina lycaenina (Felder, 1868) — Dakhan Pointed Ciliate Blue | R | | | |
| 113 | Acytolepis puspa felderi Toxopeus, 1927 — Malabar Common Hedge Blue | R | | | |
| 114 | Caleta decidia (Hewitson, 1876) — Angled Pierrot | R | | | |
| 115 | Castalius rosimon rosimon (Fabricius, 1775) — Continental Common Pierrot | NR | | | |
| 116 | Catochrysops strabo strabo (Fabricius, 1793) — Oriental Forget-me-not | R | | | |
| 117 | Celatoxia albidisca (Moore, [1884]) — White-disc Hedge Blue | NR | WG | | |
| 118 | Celastrina lavendularis lavenduris (Moore, 1877) — Sri Lankan Plain Hedge Blue | NR | | | |
| 119 | Chilades lajus lajus (Stoll, [1780]) — Indian Lime Blue | NR | | | |
| 120 | Chilades pandava pandava (Horsfield, [1829]) — Oriental Plains Cupid | с | | | |
| 121 | Euchrysops cnejus cnejus (Fabricius, 1798) — Oriental Gram Blue | с | | | Sch II |
| 122 | Everes lacturnus syntala Cantlie, 1963 — Dakhan Cupid | R | | | |
| 123 | Freyeria putli (Kollar, [1844]) — Oriental Grass Jewel | с | | | |
| 124 | Ionolyce helicon viola (Moore, 1877) — Sri Lankan Pointed Lineblue | VR | WG & SL | | |
| 125 | Jamides alectoeurysaces (Fruhstorfer, 1916) — Himalayan Metallic Cerulean | R | | | |
| 126 | Jamides bochus bochus (Stoll, [1782]) — Indian Dark Cerulean | с | | | |
| 127 | Jamides celeno celeno (Cramer, [1775]) — Oriental Common Cerulean | VC | | | |
| 128 | Lampides boeticus (Linnaeus, 1767) — Pea Blue | С | | | Sch II |

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| 129 | Leptotes plinius plinius (Fabricius, 1793) — Asian Zebra Blue | R | | | |
| 130 | Megisba malaya thwaitesi (Moore, [1881]) — Tailless Malayan | VR | | | |
| 131 | Nacaduba kurava canaraica Toxopeus, 1927 — Karwar Transparent 6-Lineblue | с | | | |
| 132 | Nacaduba Pactolus continentalis Fruhstorfer, 1916 — Continental Large 4-Lineblue | VR | | | Sch II |
| 133 | Petrelaea dana (de Nicéville, [1884]) — Dingy Lineblue | VR | | | |
| 134 | Prosotas dubiosa indica (Evans, [1925]) — Indian Tailless Lineblue | R | | | |
| 135 | Prosotas nora ardates (Moore, [1875]) — Indian Common Lineblue | R | | | |
| 136 | Prosotas noreia hampsonii (de Nicéville, 1885) — Indian White-tipped Lineblue | R | | | Sch I |
| 137 | Pseudozizeeria maha ossa (Swinhoe, 1885) — Dakhan Pale Grass Blue | NR | | | |
| 138 | Talicada nyseus nyseus (Guérin-Méneville, 1843) — Indian Red Pierrot | R | | | |
| 139 | Tarucus ananda (de Nicéville, [1883]) — Dark Pierrot | R | | | Sch IV |
| 140 | Udara akasa mavisa (Fruhstorfer, 1917) — Sahyadri White Hedge Blue | с | | | |
| 141 | Zizeeria karsandra (Moore, 1865) — Dark Grass Blue | с | | | |
| 142 | Zizina otis indica (Murray, 1874) — Indian Lesser Grass Blue | с | | | |
| 143 | Zizula hylax hylax (Fabricius, 1775) — Indian Tiny Grass Blue | VC | | LC | |
| 144 | Iraota timoleon arsaces Fruhstorfer, 1907 — Dakhan Silverstreak Blue | R | | | |
| 145 | Cigaritis lohita lazularia (Moore, 1881) — Tamil Long-banded Silverline | NR | | | Sch II |
| 146 | Cigaritis schistacea (Moore, [1881]) — Plumbeous Silverline | NR | PI & SL | | |
| 147 | Cigaritis vulcanus (Fabricius, 1775) — Common Silverline | NR | | | |
| 148 | Catapaecilma major callone (Fruhstorfer, 1915) — Sahyadri Common Tinsel | R | | | Sch II |
| 149 | Cheritra freja butleri Cowan, 1965 — Sahyadri Common Imperial | R | | LC | |
| 150 | Deudorix epijarbas epijarbas (Moore, 1857) — Oriental Cornelian | R | | | |
| 151 | Rapala iarbus sorya (Kollar, [1844]) — Indian Red Flash | R | | | |
| 152 | Creon cleobis cleobis (Godart, [1824]) — Bengal Broad-tail Royal | NR | | | |
| Hesper | iidae | | | | |
| 153 | Badamia exclamationis (Fabricius, 1775) — Brown Awl | NR | | | |
| 154 | Burara gomata kanara (Evans, 1926) — Sahyadri Pale Green Awlet | VR | | | |
| 155 | Burara jaina fergusonii (de Nicéville, [1893]) — Sahyadri Orange Awlet | R | | | |
| 156 | Choaspes benjaminii benjaminii (Guérin-Méneville, 1843) — Sahyadri Indian Awlking | NR | | | |
| 157 | Hasora chromus chromus (Cramer, [1780]) — Oriental Common Banded Awl | R | | | |
| 158 | Hasora taminatus taminatus (Hübner, 1818) — Lankan White-banded Awl | NR | | | |
| 159 | Celaenorrhinus fusca (Hampson, 1888) — Dusky Spotted Flat | с | PI | | |
| 160 | Pseudocoladenia dan dan (Fabricius, 1787) — Sahyadri Fulvous Pied Flat | NR | | | |
| 161 | Coladenia indrani indra Evans, 1926 — Dakhan Tricolor Pied Flat | R | | | |
| 162 | Gerosis bhagava bhagava (Moore, [1866]) — Bengal Yellow-breasted Flat | S | | | |
| 163 | Tagiades gana silvia Evans, 1934 — Dakhan Suffused Snow Flat | VR | | | |
| 164 | Tagiades japetus obscurus Mabille, 1877 — Dravidian Common Snow Flat | NR | | | |
| 165 | <i>Tagiades litigiosa litigiosa</i> Möschler, 1878 — Sylhet Water Snow Flat | VR | | | |
| 166 | <i>Spialia galba</i> (Fabricius, 1793) — Indian Grizzled Skipper | R | | | |
| 167 | Aeromachus dubius dubius Elwes & Edwards, 1897 — Sahyadri Dingy Scrub Hopper | с | | | |
| 168 | Aeromachus pygmaeus (Fabricius, 1775) — Pygmy Scrub Hopper | NR | | | |
| 169 | Arnetta mercara Evans, 1932 — Coorg Forest Bob | NR | WG | | |
| 170 | Baracus hampsoni Elwes & Edwards, 1897 — Malabar Hedge Hopper | NR | WG | | |
| 171 | Baracus subditus Moore, [1884] — Yellow-striped Hedge Hopper | С | WG | | |
| 172 | Erionota torus Evans, 1941 — Rounded Palm-Redeye | R | | | |

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| 173 | lambrix salsala luteipalpis (Plötz, 1886) — Southern Chestnut Bob | С | | | [|
| 174 | Notocrypta paralysos mangla Evans, 1949 — Sahyadri Common Banded Demon | NR | | | |
| 175 | Quedara basiflava (de Nicéville, [1889]) — Yellow-base Flitter | VR | WG | | |
| 176 | Salanoemia sala (Hewitson, [1866]) — Maculate Lancer | VR | | | |
| 177 | Suastus gremius gremius (Fabricius, 1798) — Indian Palm Bob | VR | | | |
| 178 | Suastus minuta bipunctus Swinhoe, 1894 — Sahyadri Small Palm Bob | VR | | | |
| 179 | Thoressa astigmata (Swinhoe, 1890) — Unbranded Ace | VR | WG | | |
| 180 | Thoressa evershedi (Evans, 1910) — Travancore Tawny Ace | NR | WG | | |
| 181 | Udaspes folus (Cramer, [1775]) — Grass Demon | NR | | | |
| 182 | Cephrenes acalle oceanica (Mabille, 1904) — Variable Plain Palm-Dart | VR | | | |
| 183 | Oriens concinna (Elwes & Edwards, 1897) — Sahyadri Dartlet | NR | WG | | Sch IV |
| 184 | Oriens goloides (Moore, [1881]) — Smaller Dartlet | NR | | | |
| 185 | Potanthus diana (Evans, 1932) — Chinese Dart | NR | PI | | |
| 186 | Potanthus pallidus (Evans, 1932) — Pale Dart | NR | | | |
| 187 | Potanthus palnia palnia (Evans, 1914) — Palni Dart | С | | | |
| 188 | Potanthus pava pava (Fruhstorfer, 1911) — Yellow Dart | VR | | | |
| 189 | Taractrocera ceramas (Hewitson, 1868) — Incomplete Tawny-spotted Grass Dart | С | | | |
| 190 | Telicota bambusae bambusae (Moore, 1878) — Oriental Dark Palm-Dart | R | | | |
| 191 | Telicota colon colon (Fabricius, 1775) — Indian Pale Palm-Dart | R | | | |
| 192 | Borbo bevani (Moore, 1878) — Lesser Rice Swift | NR | | | |
| 193 | Borbo cinnara (Wallace, 1866) — Rice Swift | R | | | |
| 194 | Caltoris canaraica (Moore, [1884]) — Karwar Swift | NR | WG | | |
| 195 | Caltoris kumara kumara (Moore, 1878) — Sahyadri Blank Swift | NR | | | |
| 196 | Pelopidas agna agna (Moore, [1866]) — Bengal Obscure Branded Swift | NR | | | |
| 197 | Pelopidas mathias mathias (Fabricius, 1798) — Dakhan Small Branded Swift | R | | LC | |
| 198 | Pelopidas subochracea subochracea (Moore, 1878) — Bengal Large Branded Swift | с | | | Sch IV |

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