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Sighting of Large Branded Swift *Pelopidas sinensis* (Mabille, 1877) (Hesperiidae: Hesperinae) in Delhi, India

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The butterfly, Large Branded Swift *Pelopidas sinensis*, was first described by Mabille in 1877 from China (Mabille 1877). It is distributed in China and several southeastern Asian and southern Asian countries including India (Devyatkin 2012; Huang 2016; Kehimkar 2016; Rehman et al. 2016; Sajan et al. 2022). In India, *P. sinensis* is found in the Himalaya from Himachal Pradesh to Arunachal and other northeastern states (Moore 1882; Swinhoe 1912–13; Wynter-Blyth 1957; Gogoi 2013; Naro 2014; Varshney & Smetacek 2015; Kehimkar 2016; Sondhi et al. 2018; Irungbam et al. 2020). There are also reports of sightings of this butterfly from Gosekhurd Reservoir near Nagpur in Peninsular India (Patil et al. 2019), Lalwan Community Reserve, and Ranjit Sagar Conservation Reserve, Punjab (Singh et al. 2021). The Lalwan Community Reserve is located in the hilly terrains of the Himalaya at the border of Punjab and Himachal Pradesh, whereas and Ranjit Sagar Conservation Reserve is at the border of Jammu & Kashmir and Punjab. However, both the records of *P. sinensis* (i.e., from Nagpur and Punjab) cannot be confirmed due to the absence of pictorial evidence or unclear representative images provided in the published articles (Patil et al. 2019; Singh et al. 2021). In India, the status of *P. sinensis* has been reported as common by

Van Gasse (Van Gasse 2021) and Sondhi (Sondhi et al. 2018), and uncommon by Kehimkar (Kehimkar 2016). This species has not been reported from arid and semi-arid areas of northwestern India. The present communication reported the sighting of *P. sinensis* from Delhi—a state with a semi-arid climate. Hence, this is the first report of this species from the semi-arid areas of northwestern India, and it is probably a range extension of this species.

Three male hesperid butterflies were spotted roosting on foliage in a private farm compound (28.5444444N, 77.0047222E) on 30 July 2023, at 1700–1800 h, in Najafgarh, southwestern Delhi. The weather was humid, the temperature was about 33–34°C, and the sky was clear. The butterflies were photographed, and the species was identified as *P. sinensis* by referring to the literature (Moore 1882; Evans 1932; Wynter-Blyth 1957; Kehimkar 2016). The farm compound where the species was sighted is planted with medicinal herbs, grasses, ornamental plants, and fruit plants. The compound is surrounded by agricultural fields, and there flows a perennial canal with the growth of reeds and aquatic flora (Image 2). About 5–6 km from the site where the butterflies were spotted, exists a large freshwater reservoir—the ‘Najafgarh Lake’. In the rainy

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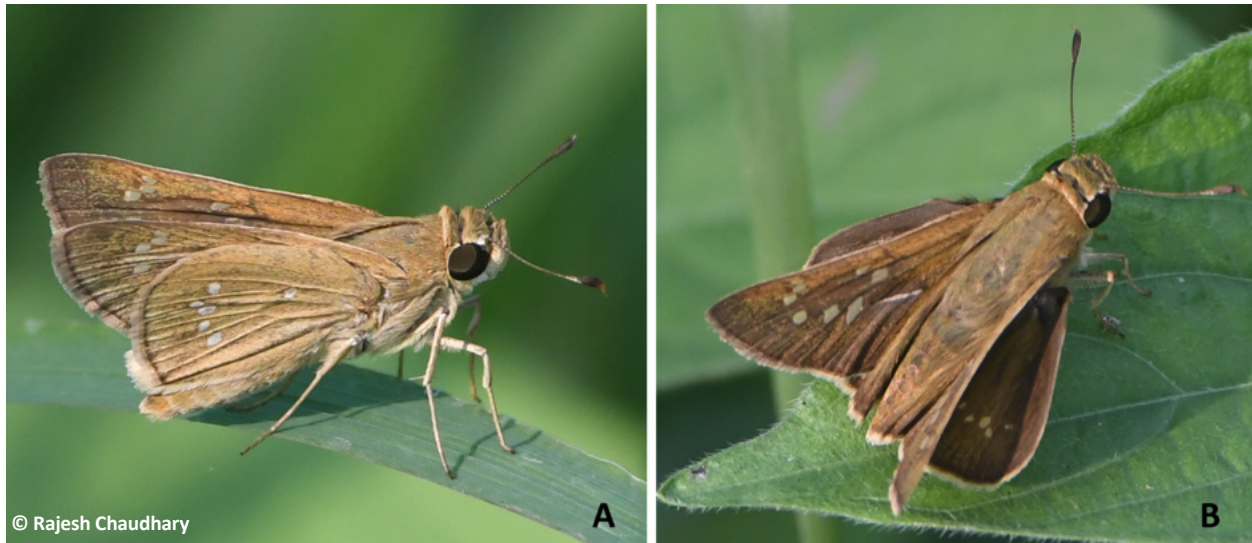


Image 1. The male Large Branded Swift *Pelopidas sinensis* photographed in Delhi: A—underside | B—upperside of the same individual.



Image 2. Aerial view of *Pelopidas sinensis* sighting spot (red circle) and its surroundings (<https://www.google.com/maps>).

season the land near the lake becomes marshy and is used to cultivate paddy (Image 2).

The butterfly *P. sinensis* has dark olive-brown upperside and paler undersides. Males of *P. sinensis* can be differentiated from those of other members of the same genus found in Delhi (*P. mathias* and *P. thrax*) by larger size, forewings with prominent spots on

upperside, narrow yellowish or whitish band below cell extending from vein1–spot in space 2. The underside of hindwings has prominent spots in space 2–6 and cells, which are usually also noticeable on the upperside of the wings (Moore 1882; Evans 1932; Wynter-Blyth 1957).

The range of distribution of *P. sinensis* covers the part of the globe that is humid or wet (Peel et al.

2007; Devyatkin 2012; Sayre et al. 2014; Huang 2015; Kehimkar 2016). In India, it is found in the Himalaya up to 2,500 m and in northeastern states (Wynter-Blyth 1957; Kehimkar 2016; Van Gasse 2021), which are relatively more humid or moist than northwestern and western India (Peel et al. 2007; Attri 2010; Kulkarni et al. 2020). Sighting of this butterfly in Delhi, with its semi-arid climate, is therefore unexpected. It is possible that the sighted individuals of *P. sinensis* are strays or chance migrants from their known range of distribution and settled temporarily in this humid environment. Alternatively, the larva and pupa of this butterfly might have been accidentally transported from other parts of India along with the larval host plants, or the chrysalis that might have been brought accidentally with some object may have emerged as an adult. It will be interesting to search for *P. sinensis* in Delhi and neighbouring areas in the future to elucidate if it has expanded its range to the semi-arid areas of India or is a temporary settler in Delhi. Also, the examination of the genitalia of a series of specimens from Delhi would be useful to support the findings further and elucidate infra-specific variation in wing marking patterns.

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