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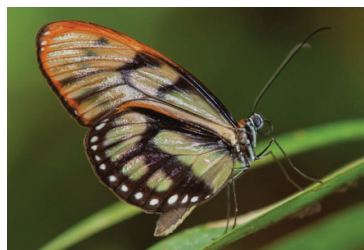
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1 *Lycorea halia atergatis*
Danainae, Danaini MY



2 *Lycorea ilione*
Danainae, Danaini CO



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Danainae, Ithomiini CO



4 *Ceratinia neso espriella*
Danainae, Ithomiini MY



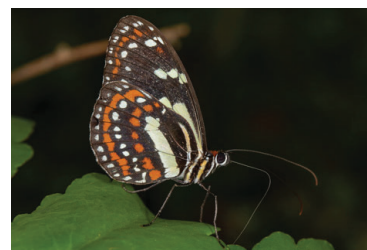
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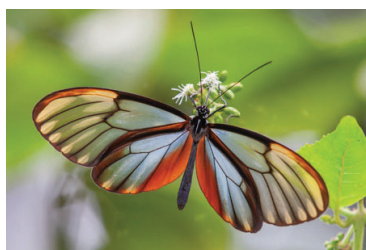
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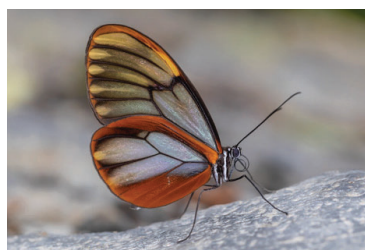
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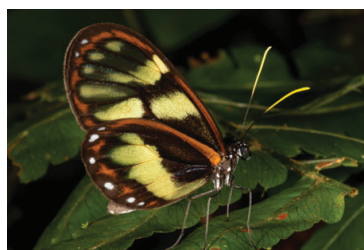
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9 *Godyris duillia*
Danainae, Ithomiini WS



10 *Godyris duillia*
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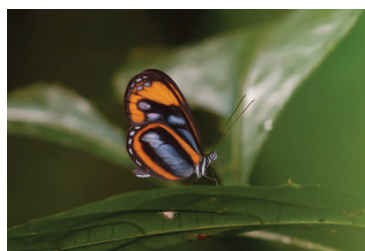
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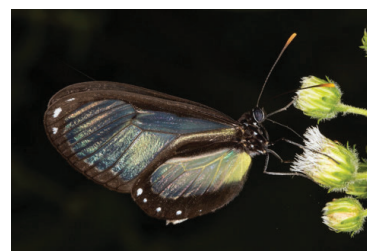
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14 *Hyoscada illinissa tundayme*
Danainae, Ithomiini MY



15 *Ithomia cleora*
Danainae, Ithomiini MY



16 *Ithomia lagusa theuda*
Danainae, Ithomiini MY



17 *Mechanitis messenoides deceptus*
Danainae, Ithomiini MY



18 *Mechanitis polymnia proceriformis*
Danainae, Ithomiini MY



19 *Melinaea menophilus zaneka*
Danainae, Ithomiini WS



20 *Melinaea menophilus zaneka*
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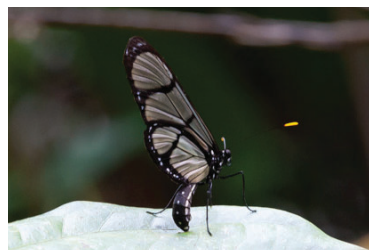
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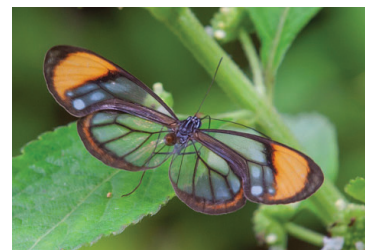
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Danainae, Ithomiini
CO



22 *Oleria padilla cajamarcensis*
Danainae, Ithomiini
VI



23 *Pagyris cymothoe sylvella*
Danainae, Ithomiini
CR



24 *Pseudoscada florula aureola*
Danainae, Ithomiini
MY



25 *Pseudoscada florula aureola*
Danainae, Ithomiini
MY



26 *Pseudoscada timna*
Danainae, Ithomiini
MY



27 *Pteronymia m. marianna*
Danainae, Ithomiini
VI



28 *Pteronymia tucuna tucuna*
Danainae, Ithomiini
WS



29 *Scada kusa*
Danainae, Ithomiini
CR



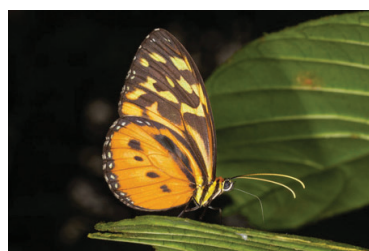
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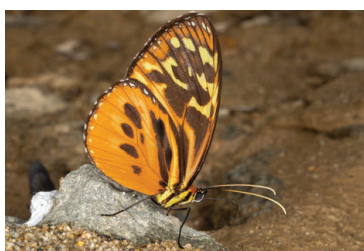
31 *Scada zemira*
Danainae, Ithomiini
VI



32 *Tithorea harmonia hermius*
Danainae, Ithomiini
MY



33 *Tithorea harmonia hermius*
Danainae, Ithomiini
MY



34 *Tithorea harmonia*
Danainae, Ithomiini
CO



35 *Actinote alcione alcione*
Heliconiinae, Acraeini
PA



36 *Actinote alcione alcione*
Heliconiinae, Acraeini
PA



37 *Actinote negra scotosis*
Heliconiinae, Acraeini
PA



38 *Actinote negra scotosis*
Heliconiinae, Acraeini
PA



39 *Actinote negra scotosis*
Heliconiinae, Acraeini
PO



40 *Actinote negra scotosis*
Heliconiinae, Acraeini
PO

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Heliconiinae, Acraeini VI



42 *Actinote negra scotosis*
Heliconiinae, Acraeini MY



43 *Actinote negra scotosis*
Heliconiinae, Acraeini MY



44 *Actinote negra scotosis*
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Heliconiinae, Acraeini CO



46 *Actinote neleus neleus*
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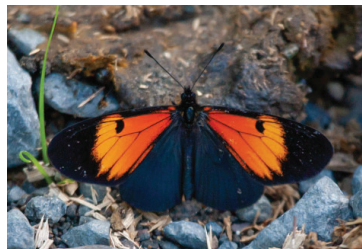
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Heliconiinae, Acraeini TP



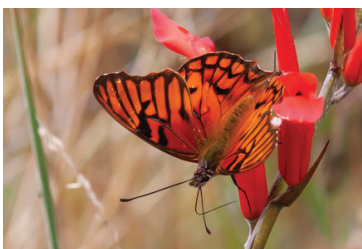
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51 *Dione glycera*
Heliconiinae, Heliconiini TP



52 *Dione glycera*
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53 *Dione glycera*
Heliconiinae, Heliconiini PO



54 *Dryas iulia iulia*
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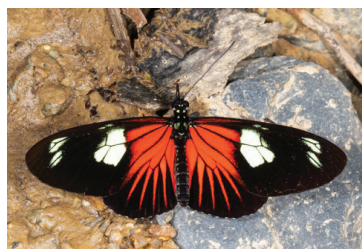
55 *Eueides aliphera aliphera*
Heliconiinae, Heliconiini CO



56 *Heliconius doris doris* f. roja
Heliconiinae, Heliconiini CO



57 *Heliconius doris doris* f. roja
Heliconiinae, Heliconiini CO



58 *Heliconius doris doris* f. roja
Heliconiinae, Heliconiini CO



59 *Heliconius doris doris*
Heliconiinae, Heliconiini CO



60 *Heliconius doris doris* f. azul
Heliconiinae, Heliconiini MY

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61 *Heliconius erato etylus*
Heliconiinae, Heliconiini PA



62 *Heliconius erato etylus*
Heliconiinae, Heliconiini PA



63 *Heliconius erato etylus*
Heliconiinae, Heliconiini PA



64 *Heliconius erato etylus*
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65 *Heliconius himera*
Heliconiinae, Heliconiini VI



66 *Heliconius himera*
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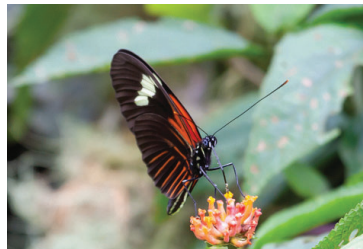
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Heliconiinae, Heliconiini WS



68 *Heliconius melpomene/timareta*
Heliconiinae, Heliconiini WS



69 *Heliconius melpomene malleti*
Heliconiinae, Acraeini WS



70 *Heliconius melpomene malleti*
Heliconiinae, Acraeini WS



71 *Heliconius melpomene ecuadorensis*
Heliconiinae, Heliconiini CO



72 *Heliconius melpomene ecuadorensis*
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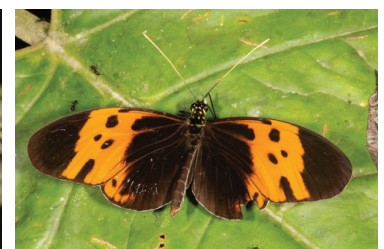
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Heliconiinae, Heliconiini MY



74 *Heliconius melpomene ecuadorensis*
Heliconiinae, Heliconiini MY



75 *Heliconius melpomene ecuadorensis*
Heliconiinae, Heliconiini MY



76 *Heliconius numata bicoloratus*
Heliconiinae, Heliconiini MY



77 *Heliconius numata bicoloratus*
Heliconiinae, Heliconiini MY



78 *Heliconius numata lenaeus*
Heliconiinae, Heliconiini CO



79 *Heliconius numata lenaeus*
Heliconiinae, Heliconiini CO



80 *Heliconius numata lenaeus*
Heliconiinae, Heliconiini CO

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81 *Heliconius numata lenaeus*
Heliconiinae, Heliconiini CO



82 *Heliconius numata lenaeus*
Heliconiinae, Heliconiini CO



83 *Heliconius xanthocles zamora*
Heliconiinae, Heliconiini MY



84 *Podotricha telesiphe telesiphe*
Heliconiinae, Heliconiini PA



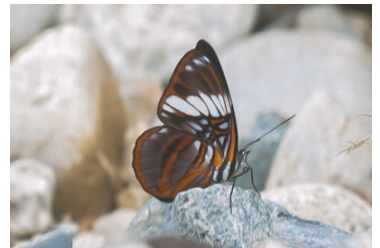
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Limenitidinae, Limenitidini PA



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Limenitidinae, Limenitidini CO



87 *Adelpha epione agilla*
Limenitidinae, Limenitidini WS



88 *Adelpha epione agilla*
Limenitidinae, Limenitidini WS



89 *Adelpha iphichlus iphichlus*
Limenitidinae, Limenitidini CO



90 *Adelpha iphichlus iphichlus*
Limenitidinae, Limenitidini MY



91 *Adelpha iphichlus iphichlus*
Limenitidinae, Limenitidini PA



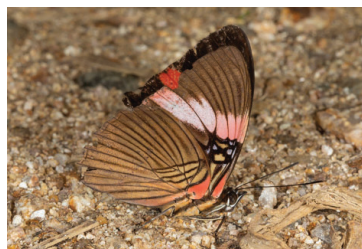
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Limenitidinae, Limenitidini MY



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Limenitidinae, Limenitidini MY



94 *Adelpha lycorias lara*
Limenitidinae, Limenitidini CO



95 *Adelpha lycorias lara*
Limenitidinae, Limenitidini CO



96 *Adelpha sichaeus sichaeus*
Limenitidinae, Limenitidini CO



97 *Adelpha thessalia thessalia*
Limenitidinae, Limenitidini CO



98 *Doxocopa cyane cyane*
Apaturinae AZ



99 *Doxocopa cyane cyane*
Apaturinae AZ



100 *Doxocopa cyane cyane*
Apaturinae CO

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101 *Doxocopa cyane cyane*
Apaturinae CO



102 *Doxocopa cyane cyane*
Apaturinae CO



103 *Doxocopa elis*
Apaturinae CO



104 *Doxocopa elis*
Apaturinae CO



105 *Doxocopa elis*
Apaturinae CO



106 *Doxocopa elis*
Apaturinae CO



107 *Doxocopa elis*
Apaturinae CO



108 *Doxocopa laurentia*
Apaturinae CO



109 *Doxocopa laurentia*
Apaturinae CO



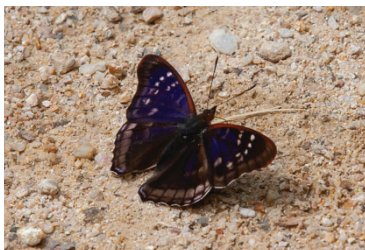
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111 *Doxocopa laurentia*
Apaturinae CO



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Apaturinae CO



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Apaturinae CO



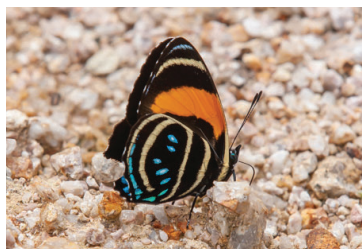
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Apaturinae CO



116 *Biblis hyperia laticlavata*
Biblidinae, Callicorini SA



117 *Callicore lyca bella*
Biblidinae, Callicorini CO



118 *Callicore lyca bella*
Biblidinae, Callicorini CO



119 *Callicore lyca bella*
Biblidinae, Callicorini MY



120 *Callicore inferior inferior*
Biblidinae, Callicorini CO

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121 *Callicore inferior inferior*
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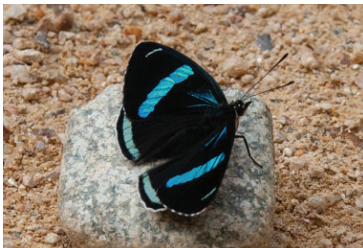
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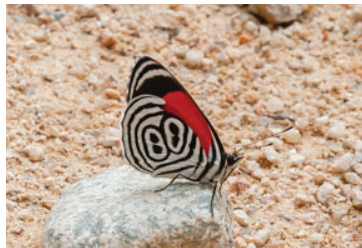
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Biblidinae, Callicorini CO



124 *Callicore tolima*
Biblidinae, Callicorini PO



125 *Diaethria clymena peruviana*
Biblidinae, Callicorini CO



126 *Diaethria clymena peruviana*
Biblidinae, Callicorini CO



127 *Diaethria neglecta neglecta*
Biblidinae, Callicorini CO



128 *Diaethria neglecta neglecta*
Biblidinae, Callicorini CO



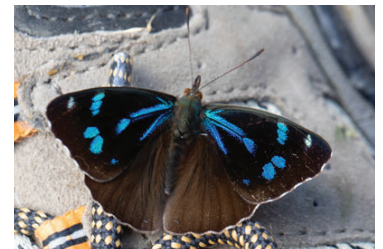
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Biblidinae, Callicorini CO



130 *Orophila cardases*
Biblidinae, Callicorini CO



131 *Orophila cardases*
Biblidinae, Callicorini CO



132 *Orophila cardases*
Biblidinae, Callicorini TP



133 *Orophila cardases*
Biblidinae, Callicorini TP



134 *Orophila cardases*
Biblidinae, Callicorini TP



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Biblidinae, Callicorini TP



136 *Orophila cardases*
Biblidinae, Callicorini TP



137 *Orophila cardases*
Biblidinae, Callicorini TP



138 *Orophila cecidas*
Biblidinae, Callicorini TP



139 *Orophila cecidas*
Biblidinae, Callicorini TP



140 *Perisama ambatensis phenix*
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141 *Cybdelis thrasylla*
Biblidinae, Cybdelini TP



142 *Cybdelis thrasylla*
Biblidinae, Cybdelini TP



143 *Cybdelis thrasylla*
Biblidinae, Cybdelini TP



144 *Catonephele acontius acontius*
Biblidinae, Epicaliini CO



145 *Catonephele acontius acontius*
Biblidinae, Epicaliini CO



146 *Catonephele acontius acontius*
Biblidinae, Epicaliini CO



147 *Catonephele acontius acontius*
Biblidinae, Epicaliini CO



148 *Catonephele acontius acontius*
Biblidinae, Epicaliini SA



149 *Catonephele numilia numilia*
Biblidinae, Epicaliini CO



150 *Catonephele numilia numilia*
Biblidinae, Epicaliini CO



151 *Catonephele numilia numilia*
Biblidinae, Epicaliini CO



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Biblidinae, Epicaliini MY



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Biblidinae, Epicaliini MY



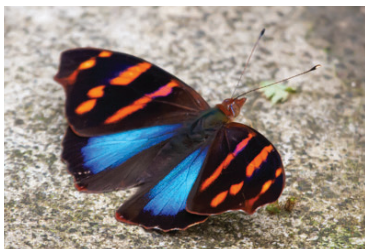
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Biblidinae, Epicaliini MY



155 *Nessaea hewitsoni hewitsoni*
Biblidinae, Epicaliini MY



156 *Eunica norica occia*
Biblidinae, Eunicini MY



157 *Epiphile orea negrina*
Biblidinae, Epiphilini WS



158 *Epiphile orea negrina*
Biblidinae, Epiphilini MY



159 *Epiphile orea negrina*
Biblidinae, Epiphilini MY



160 *Epiphile orea negrina*
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161 *Pyrrhogyra crameri nautaca*
Biblidinae, Epiphilini PA



162 *Pyrrhogyra edocla*
Biblidinae, Epiphilini CO



163 *Pyrrhogyra otolais*
Biblidinae, Epiphilini MY



164 *Pyrrhogyra otolais*
Biblidinae, Epiphilini MY



165 *Pyrrhogyra otolais*
Biblidinae, Epiphilini MY



166 *Pyrrhogyra otolais*
Biblidinae, Epiphilini MY



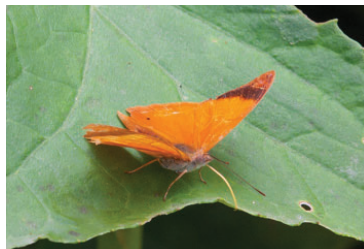
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Biblidinae, Epiphilini MY



168 *Pyrrhogyra otolais*
Biblidinae, Epiphilini CO



169 *Temenis laothoe f. violetta*
Biblidinae, Epiphilini MY



170 *Temenis laothoe*
Biblidinae, Epiphilini PA



171 *Temenis laothoe*
Biblidinae, Epiphilini CO



172 *Hamadryas a. amphinome*
Biblidinae, Ageroniini SA



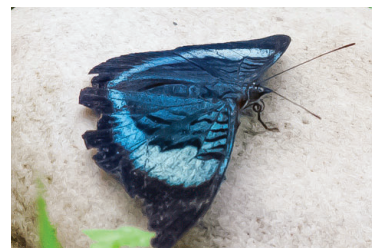
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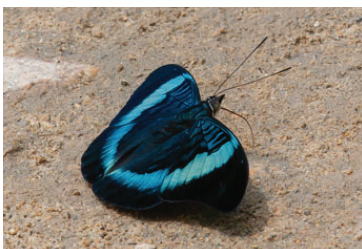
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Biblidinae, Ageroniini VI



175 *Panacea prola amazonica*
Biblidinae, Ageroniini PA



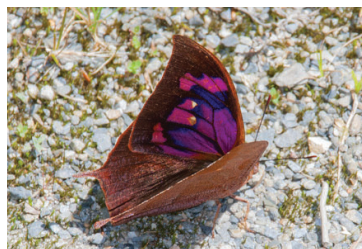
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Biblidinae, Ageroniini MY



177 *Panacea prola amazonica*
Biblidinae, Ageroniini PA



178 *Fountainea centaurus*
Charaxinae, Anaeini TP



179 *Fountainea centaurus*
Charaxinae, Anaeini AZ



180 *Fountainea centaurus*
Charaxinae, Anaeini AZ

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181 *Fountainea centaurus*
Charaxinae, Anaeini PO



182 *Fountainea centaurus*
Charaxinae, Anaeini PO



183 *Fountainea ryphea*
Charaxinae, Anaeini WS



184 *Memphis glauce felderi*
Charaxinae, Anaeini MY



185 *Memphis lemnos*
Charaxinae, Anaeini MY



186 *Memphis philumena*
Charaxinae, Anaeini MY



187 *Memphis philumena*
Charaxinae, Anaeini MY



188 *Zaretis* sp.
Charaxinae, Anaeini CO



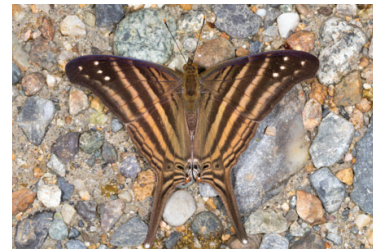
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Charaxinae, Preponini CO



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192 *Marpesia chiron chiron*
Cyrestinae MY



193 *Marpesia crethon*
Cyrestinae PA



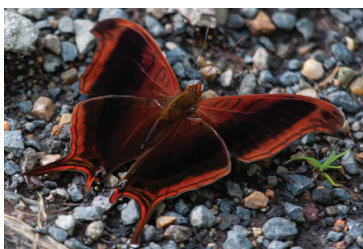
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Cyrestinae CO



195 *Marpesia furcula furcula*
Cyrestinae CO



196 *Marpesia petreus*
Cyrestinae CO



197 *Marpesia zerynthia dentigera*
Cyrestinae WS



198 *Marpesia zerynthia dentigera*
Cyrestinae WS



199 *Historis acheronta acheronta*
Nymphalinae, Coeini CO



200 *Historis acheronta acheronta*
Nymphalinae, Coeini CO

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201 *Historis odius dious*
Nymphalinae, Coeini
WS



202 *Historis odius dious*
Nymphalinae, Coeini
WS



203 *Historis odius dious*
Nymphalinae, Coeini
CO



204 *Historis odius dious*
Nymphalinae, Coeini
CO



205 *Castilia angusta*
Nymphalinae, Melitaeini
MY



206 *Castilia perilla f. acraeina*
Nymphalinae, Melitaeini
MY



207 *Castilia perilla f. acraeina*
Nymphalinae, Melitaeini
MY



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Nymphalinae, Melitaeini
MY



209 *Castilia perilla f. acraeina*
Nymphalinae, Melitaeini
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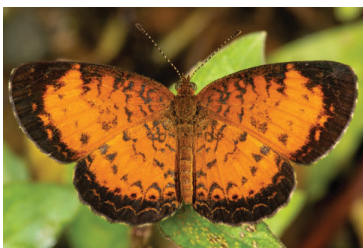
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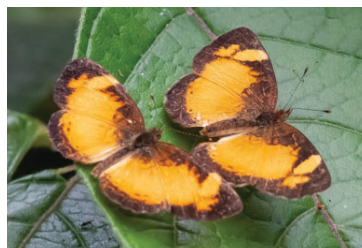
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Nymphalinae, Melitaeini
PA



212 *Eresia clio clio*
Nymphalinae, Melitaeini
PA



213 *Mazia amazonica*
Nymphalinae, Melitaeini
MY



214 *Tegosa claudina*
Nymphalinae, Melitaeini
CO



215 *Tegosa anieta*
Nymphalinae, Melitaeini
PA



216 *Colobura dirce dirce*
Nymphalinae, Nymphalini
MY



217 *Smyrna blomfieldia*
Nymphalinae, Nymphalini
PA



218 *Tigridia acesta*
Nymphalinae, Nymphalini
MY



219 *Hypanartia christophori*
Nymphalinae, Nymphalini
TP



220 *Hypanartia kefersteini*
Nymphalinae, Nymphalini
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221 *Hypanartia cinderella*
Nymphalinae, Nymphalini TP



222 *Hypanartia dione dione*
Nymphalinae, Nymphalini WS



223 *Hypanartia dione dione*
Nymphalinae, Nymphalini WS



224 *Hypanartia dione dione*
Nymphalinae, Nymphalini WS



225 *Hypanartia dione dione*
Nymphalinae, Nymphalini TP



226 *Hypanartia dione dione*
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227 *Hypanartia lethe*
Nymphalinae, Nymphalini CO



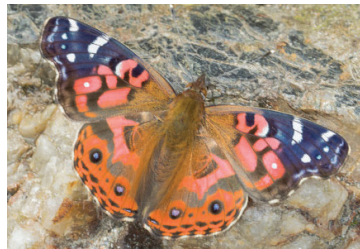
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Nymphalinae, Nymphalini CO



229 *Hypanartia lethe*
Nymphalinae, Nymphalini CO



230 *Vanessa braziliensis*
Nymphalinae, Nymphalini AZ



231 *Vanessa braziliensis*
Nymphalinae, Nymphalini AZ



232 *Vanessa braziliensis*
Nymphalinae, Nymphalini TP



233 *Anartia amathea sticheli*
Nymphalinae, Victoriniini CO



234 *Metamorpha elissa*
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235 *Metamorpha elissa*
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Nymphalinae, Victoriniini MY



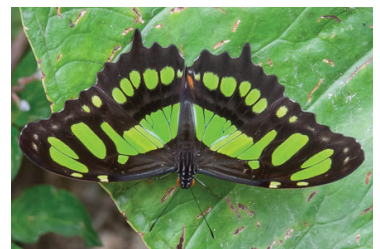
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Nymphalinae, Victoriniini CO



238 *Siproeta epaphus epaphus*
Nymphalinae, Victoriniini CO



239 *Siproeta epaphus epaphus*
Nymphalinae, Victoriniini VI



240 *Siproeta stelenes*
Nymphalinae, Victoriniini CO

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241 *Morpho helenor theodorus*
Satyrinae, Morphini MY



242 *Morpho helenor theodorus*
Satyrinae, Morphini MY



243 *Bia actorion*
Satyrinae, Brassolini MY



244 *Caligo eurilochus*
Satyrinae, Brassolini MY



245 *Caligo eurilochus*
Satyrinae, Brassolini MY



246 *Caligo eurilochus*
Satyrinae, Brassolini MY



247 *Caligo illioneus*
Satyrinae, Brassolini MY



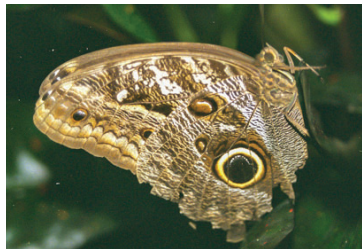
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Satyrinae, Brassolini MY



249 *Caligo prometheus atlas*
Satyrinae, Brassolini WS



250 *Caligo prometheus atlas*
Satyrinae, Brassolini WS



251 *Caligo teucer ecuadora*
Satyrinae, Brassolini SA



252 *Opsiphanes invirae*
Satyrinae, Brassolini CO



253 *Cithaerias aurorina*
Satyrinae, Haeterini MY



254 *Cithaerias aurorina*
Satyrinae, Haeterini MY



255 *Cithaerias aurorina*
Satyrinae, Haeterini SA



256 *Cithaerias cliftoni*
Satyrinae, Haeterini WS



257 *Pierella hyceta*
Satyrinae, Haeterini MY



258 *Pierella hyceta*
Satyrinae, Haeterini MY



259 *Pierella hyceta*
Satyrinae, Haeterini MY



260 *Pierella lena*
Satyrinae, Haeterini CO

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261 *Amiga arnaca arnaca*
Satyrinae, Satyrini, Euptychiina CO



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Satyrinae, Satyrini, Euptychiina CO



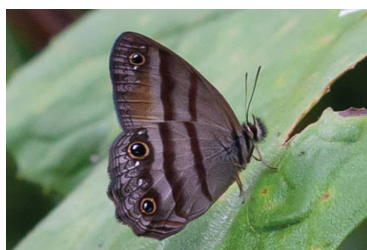
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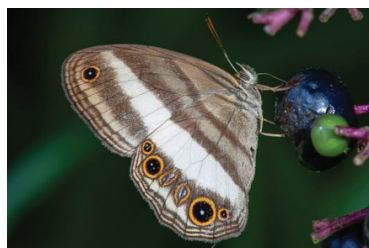
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267 *Euptychia meta*
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268 *Euptychoides albofasciata*
Satyrinae, Satyrini, Euptychiina WS



269 *Euptychoides albofasciata*
Satyrinae, Satyrini, Euptychiina WS



270 *Euptychoides albofasciata*
Satyrinae, Satyrini, Euptychiina WS



271 *Euptychoides albofasciata*
Satyrinae, Satyrini, Euptychiina WS



272 *Forsterinaria bolivana*
Satyrinae, Satyrini, Euptychiina CO



273 *Forsterinaria rustica villaresi*
Satyrinae, Satyrini, Euptychiina WS



274 *Forsterinaria difficilis*
Satyrinae, Satyrini, Euptychiina WS



275 *Hermeuptychia pimpla*
Satyrinae, Satyrini, Euptychiina CO



276 *Hermeuptychia* sp.
Satyrinae, Satyrini, Euptychiina WS



277 *Hermeuptychia* sp.
Satyrinae, Satyrini, Euptychiina CO



278 *Hermeuptychia* sp.
Satyrinae, Satyrini, Euptychiina MY



279 *Hermeuptychia* sp.
Satyrinae, Satyrini, Euptychiina PO



280 *Hermeuptychia* sp.
Satyrinae, Satyrini, Euptychiina PA

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Satyrinae, Satyrini, Euptychiina
MY



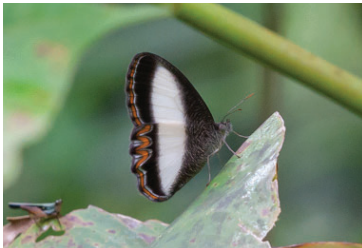
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Satyrinae, Satyrini, Euptychiina
PA



283 *Megeuptychia monopunctata*
Satyrinae, Satyrini, Euptychiina
MY



284 *Oressinoma typhla*
Satyrinae, Satyrini, Euptychiina
CO



285 *Oressinoma typhla*
Satyrinae, Satyrini, Euptychiina
WS



286 *Pareuptychia* sp.
Satyrinae, Satyrini, Euptychiina
CO



287 *Pareuptychia* sp.
Satyrinae, Satyrini, Euptychiina
MY



288 *Pareuptychia* sp.
Satyrinae, Satyrini, Euptychiina
MY



289 *Pareuptychia* sp.
Satyrinae, Satyrini, Euptychiina
CO



290 *Paryphthimoides terrestris*
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291 *Taygetis laches laches*
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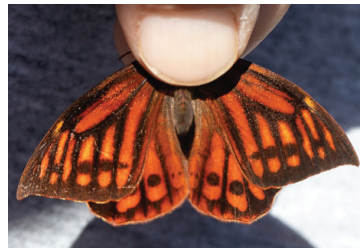
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Satyrinae, Satyrini, Euptychiina
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Satyrinae, Satyrini, Euptychiina
MY



294 *Yphthimoides renata*
Satyrinae, Satyrini, Euptychiina
CO



295 *Apexacuta orsedice violacea*
Satyrinae, Satyrini, Pronophilina
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296 *Apexacuta orsedice violacea*
Satyrinae, Satyrini, Pronophilina
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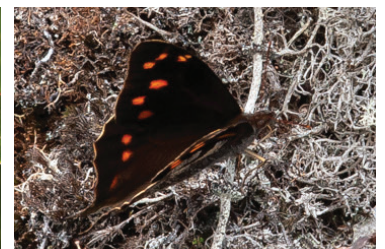
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Satyrinae, Satyrini, Pronophilina
PO



299 *Corades cybele cybele*
Satyrinae, Satyrini, Pronophilina
PO



300 *Corades dymantis*
Satyrinae, Satyrini, Pronophilina
PO

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301 *Corades dymantis*
Satyrinae, Satyrini, Pronophilina
PO



302 *Corades dymantis*
Satyrinae, Satyrini, Pronophilina
PO



303 *Corades dymantis*
Satyrinae, Satyrini, Pronophilina
TP



304 *Corades iduna peruviana*
Satyrinae, Satyrini, Pronophilina
CR



305 *Corades iduna peruviana*
Satyrinae, Satyrini, Pronophilina
CR



306 *Corades iduna peruviana*
Satyrinae, Satyrini, Pronophilina
CR



307 *Corades iduna peruviana*
Satyrinae, Satyrini, Pronophilina
CR



308 *Corades iduna peruviana*
Satyrinae, Satyrini, Pronophilina
CR



309 *Corades ulema mirianae*
Satyrinae, Satyrini, Pronophilina
TP



310 *Corades ulema mirianae*
Satyrinae, Satyrini, Pronophilina
TP



311 *Daedalma inconspicua tapichalaca*
Satyrinae, Satyrini, Pronophilina
TP



312 *Eretris apuleja* n. ssp. (Pyrzcz, MS)
Satyrinae, Satyrini, Pronophilina
CR



313 *Eretris apuleja* n. ssp. (Pyrzcz, MS)
Satyrinae, Satyrini, Pronophilina
TP



314 *Eretris apuleja* n. ssp. (Pyrzcz, MS)
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TP



315 *Eretris porphyria transmaraniona*
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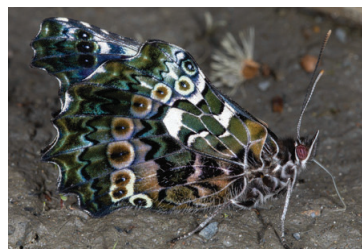
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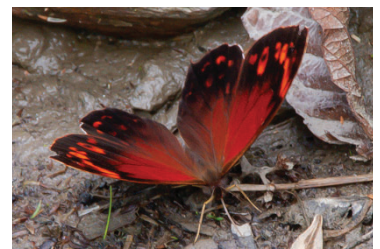
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TP



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Satyrinae, Satyrini, Pronophilina
PO



319 *Junea dorinda dorinda*
Satyrinae, Satyrini, Pronophilina
AZ



320 *Lasiophila palades limes*
Satyrinae, Satyrini, Pronophilina
AZ

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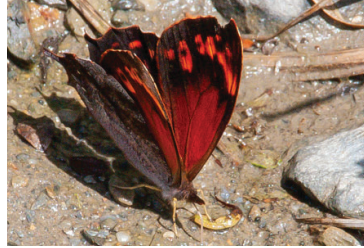
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321 *Lasiophila palades limes*
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322 *Lasiophila palades limes*
Satyrinae, Satyrini, Pronophilina
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323 *Lasiophila orbifera intercepta*
Satyrinae, Satyrini, Pronophilina
TP



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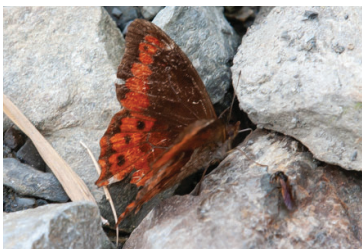
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328 *Lasiophila parthyene*
Satyrinae, Satyrini, Pronophilina
PO



329 *Lasiophila parthyene*
Satyrinae, Satyrini, Pronophilina
PO



330 *Lasiophila parthyene*
Satyrinae, Satyrini, Pronophilina
PO



331 *Lasiophila phalaesia phalaesia*
Satyrinae, Satyrini, Pronophilina
PO



332 *Lasiophila phalaesia phalaesia*
Satyrinae, Satyrini, Pronophilina
PO



333 *Lasiophila phalaesia phalaesia*
Satyrinae, Satyrini, Pronophilina
PO



334 *Lasiophila phalaesia phalaesia*
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Satyrinae, Satyrini, Pronophilina
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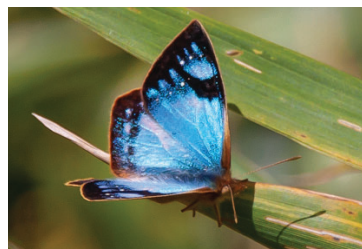
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Satyrinae, Satyrini, Pronophilina
PO



337 *Lasiophila phalaesia phalaesia*
Satyrinae, Satyrini, Pronophilina
PO



338 *Lymanopoda hazelana summa*
Satyrinae, Satyrini, Pronophilina
AZ



339 *Lymanopoda hazelana summa*
Satyrinae, Satyrini, Pronophilina
AZ



340 *Lymanopoda hazelana summa*
Satyrinae, Satyrini, Pronophilina
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341 *Lymanopoda ionius browni*
Satyrinae, Satyrini, Pronophilina TP



342 *Lymanopoda nadia*
Satyrinae, Satyrini, Pronophilina TP



343 *Lymanopoda nadia*
Satyrinae, Satyrini, Pronophilina TP



344 *Lymanopoda obsoleta & nadia*
Satyrinae, Satyrini, Pronophilina TP



345 *Lymanopoda obsoleta*
Satyrinae, Satyrini, Pronophilina PO



346 *Lymanopoda obsoleta*
Satyrinae, Satyrini, Pronophilina PO



347 *Lymanopoda obsoleta*
Satyrinae, Satyrini, Pronophilina PO



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349 *Lymanopoda obsoleta*
Satyrinae, Satyrini, Pronophilina TP



350 *Lymanopoda obsoleta*
Satyrinae, Satyrini, Pronophilina TP



351 *Manerebia inderena mirena*
Satyrinae, Satyrini, Pronophilina TP



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353 *Manerebia trimaculata*
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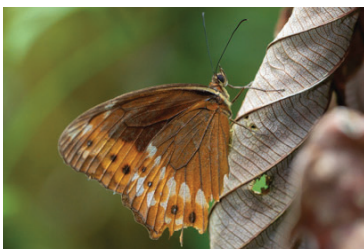
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Satyrinae, Satyrini, Pronophilina AZ



355 *Neopedaliodes phoenicusa*
Satyrinae, Satyrini, Pronophilina AZ



356 *Oxeoschistus protogenia*
Satyrinae, Satyrini, Pronophilina WS



357 *Oxeoschistus protogenia*
Satyrinae, Satyrini, Pronophilina WS



358 *Oxeoschistus protogenia*
Satyrinae, Satyrini, Pronophilina PA



359 *Oxeoschistus protogenia*
Satyrinae, Satyrini, Pronophilina PO



360 *Panyapedaliodes d. drymaea*
Satyrinae, Satyrini, Pronophilina PO

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361 *Panyapedaliodes d. drymaea*
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362 *Panyapedaliodes d. drymaea*
Satyrinae, Satyrini, Pronophilina
CR



363 *Panyapedaliodes d. drymaea*
Satyrinae, Satyrini, Pronophilina
CR



364 *Parapedaliodes parepa*
Satyrinae, Satyrini, Pronophilina
CR



365 *Parapedaliodes parepa*
Satyrinae, Satyrini, Pronophilina
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366 *Pedaliodes asconia*
Satyrinae, Satyrini, Pronophilina
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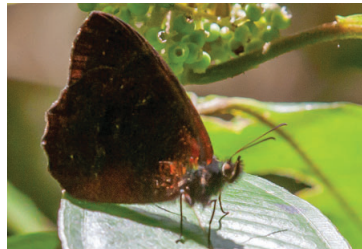
367 *Pedaliodes asconia*
Satyrinae, Satyrini, Pronophilina
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368 *Pedaliodes dracula*
Satyrinae, Satyrini, Pronophilina
PO



369 *Pedaliodes dracula*
Satyrinae, Satyrini, Pronophilina
PO



370 *Pedaliodes manis*
Satyrinae, Satyrini, Pronophilina
TP



371 *Pedaliodes philonis philonis*
Satyrinae, Satyrini, Pronophilina
PO



372 *Pedaliodes philonis philonis*
Satyrinae, Satyrini, Pronophilina
PO



373 *Pedaliodes pelinna*
Satyrinae, Satyrini, Pronophilina
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374 *Pedaliodes pelinna*
Satyrinae, Satyrini, Pronophilina
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375 *Pedaliodes pelinna*
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376 *Pedaliodes pelinna*
Satyrinae, Satyrini, Pronophilina
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377 *Pedaliodes pelinna*
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378 *Pedaliodes pelinna*
Satyrinae, Satyrini, Pronophilina
PO



379 *Pronophila isobelae isobelae*
Satyrinae, Satyrini, Pronophilina
CR



380 *Pronophila isobelae isobelae*
Satyrinae, Satyrini, Pronophilina
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381 *Pronophila isobelae isobelae*
Satyrinae, Satyrini, Pronophilina
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382 *Pronophila isobelae isobelae*
Satyrinae, Satyrini, Pronophilina
PO



383 *Steremnia* n. sp. (Pyrzcz, MS)
Satyrinae, Satyrini, Pronophilina
PO



384 *Steremnia* n. sp. (Pyrzcz, MS)
Satyrinae, Satyrini, Pronophilina
PO



385 *Steremnia* n. sp. (Pyrzcz, MS)
Satyrinae, Satyrini, Pronophilina
PO



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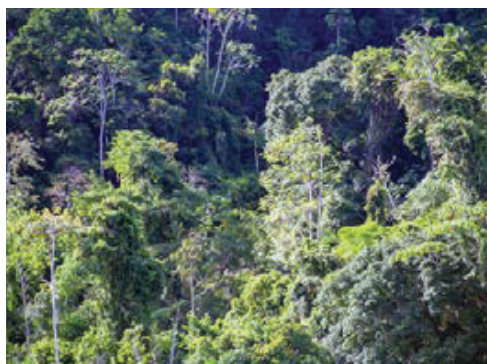
Locations

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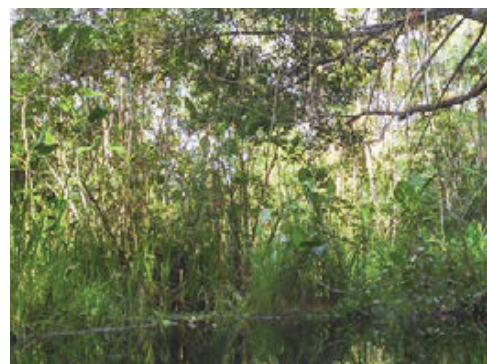
SA: Sacha Lodge (Provincia de Sucumbíos), alt. 240 m asl



387 Black water lake of Pilchicocha



388 Primary rainforest



389 Black water channels

Sacha Lodge is located in the Provincia de Sucumbios, which is the north-easternmost province of Ecuador. Sucumbios is also part of the Amazonian lowlands. The lodge is accessible by boat on the Napo river and by short route on foot and boat, passing the black water lake of Pilchicocha. Surrounded by dense rainforest and many black water channels, it invites to explore the rich fauna of insects and birds. My stay was a long time ago. Some butterflies are from the wild, some are from the butterfly house of the lodge.

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WS: Wildsumaco Lodge (Provincia de Napo), alt. 1450 m asl



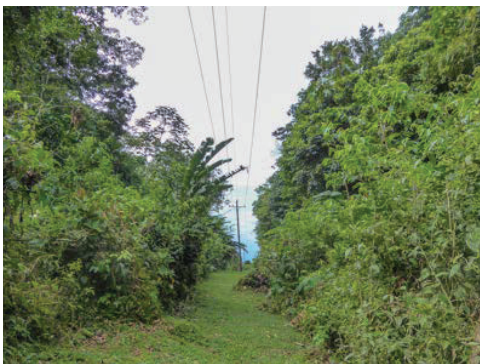
390 View to lowland Amazonia



391 Road outside the lodge



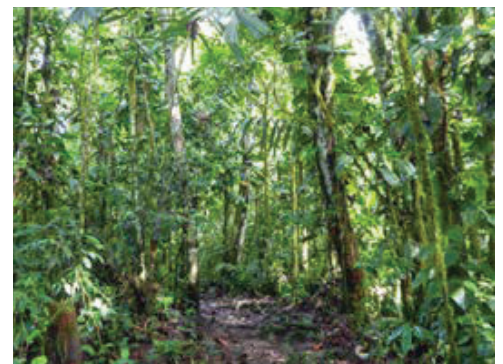
392 Road down to Powerline Trail



393 Powerline Trail with neighbouring rainforest



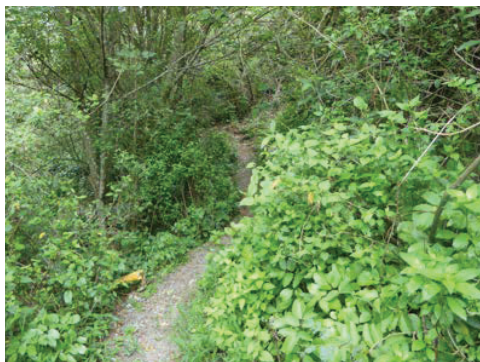
394 Rainforest trail



395 Rainforest trail

Wildsumaco is located on the eastern Andean foothills, south of the Sumaco National Park. Depending on weather conditions, the vulcano Sumaco can be seen. The Lodge is a famous hotspot for birders, specially for cloudforest species. Several trails around the lodge invite to explore wildlife in the lush rainforest. I stayed with Jim McClarin and Andreas Kay (1963-2019 RIP), exploring day- and nightlife in the rainforest and the nearby Powerline Trail. Jim brought his UV-light and we enjoyed exciting nights with wonderful moths. Most of the butterflies have been seen on the Powerline Trail or roads and trails outside the rainforest. No bait was used.

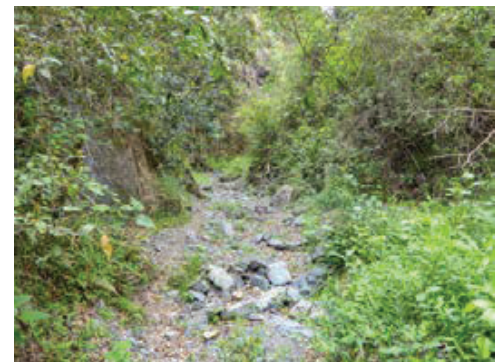
VI: Vilcabamba area (Provincia de Loja), alt. 1600 m asl



396 Uphill trail, more beetles than butterflies



397 Light and drier forest, pasture on the left



398 Open area on top, protected by a *Hamadryas*

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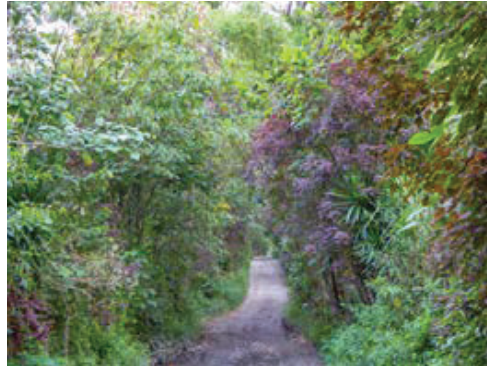
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399 Via a Capamaco and Rio Capamaco



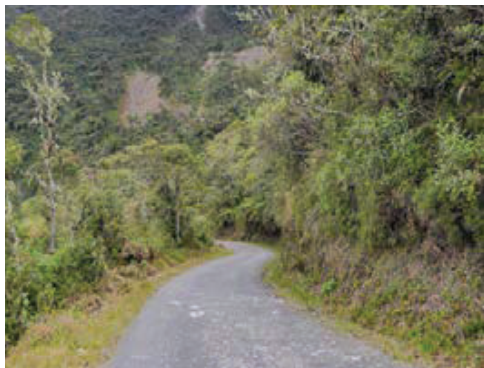
400 Via a Capamaco



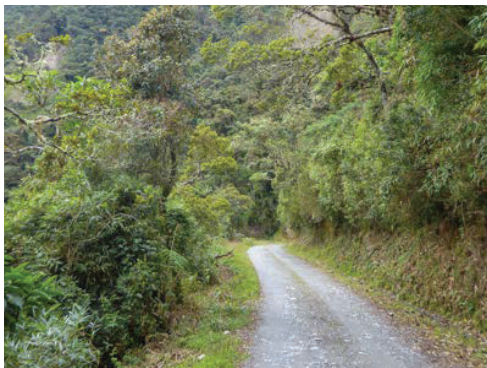
401 Via a Toronche, Rio Sabanilla at the right

Vilcabamba is a small town located in a valley surrounded by densely forested hills and mountains. Four spots are included in “Vilcabamba aera” due to similar conditions, altitude and environment: Trail up the hill after leaving Via a Capamaco, Via a Toronche (following Rio Sabanilla) in San Pedro de Vilcabamba, Madre de Tierra Eco Resort (our base) and a trail following Rio Sabanilla before the junction with Rio Uchima in San Pedro de Vilcabamba.

PO: Podocarpus National Park – Cajanuma Entrance (Provincia de Loja), alt. 2800-2300 m asl



402 View of the steep track



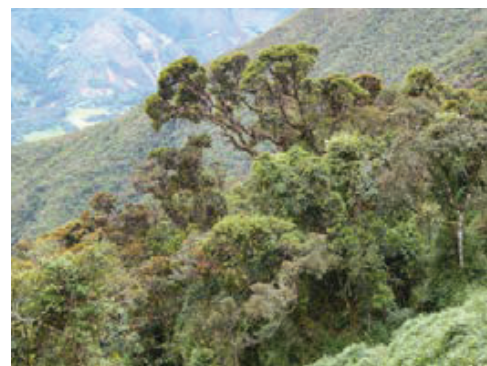
403 Hard work to examine all shrubs for insects



404 View to mountains on the other side



405 Colors of the evergreen montane forest



406 Typical vegetation and trees



407 Even at roadside there is a great diversity

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Podocarpus is a large National Park in southern Ecuador, for the most part located in the Provincia de Zamora Chinchipe, with a small part in the Provincia de Loja. This area is an extremely diverse high (< 3500 m) and low (> 1000 m) montane forest ecosystem. There are reportedly 550 species of birds, and the northern part is a hotspot for moths of the family Geometridae. It is an important ecosystem, connecting the Andean and Amazonian regions. The park has two entrances, Entrada Cajanuma with the Ranger station located on top at 2800 m asl, from where we started our 2 trips down the road. The other one, Entrada Bombuscaro, is in the Zamora area. This area will be discussed in a separate paragraph (Copalinga), as well as the other regions with a close relationship to Podocarpus, such as the Old Road Loja-Zamora (AZ) in the north and Tapichalaca Reserve (TP) in the southwest of Podocarpus.

AZ: Old Road Loja-Zamora – Abra de Zamora (Provincia de Zamora Chinchipe), alt. 2800 m asl



408 View from top of the Old Road



409 Nice places for highland Satyrs



410 Subparamo ecosystem



411 Typical montane forest vegetation



412 Looking for the famous blue Lymanopoda



413 Never miss anything left or right

The Paso del Tiro is a high mountain pass connecting Loja and Zamora on Ruta Panamericana E50. The Old Road Loja-Zamora is diverting at the crest of the pass. The Paso del Tiro is also the border between the provinces Loja and Zamora Chinchipe. The area on top of the pass is a biodiversity hotspot, and being part of the biodiversity hotspots of the tropical Andes, is located adjacent to the northern limit of Podocarpus National Park. It is an important biogeographic area, especially the Andean Depression, and serves as water catchment and erosion barrier.

The upper part of Abra de Zamora has similar vegetation as the high montane forests at Podocarpus National Park, subparamo and evergreen montane forest vegetation. Many projects are investigating the extremely rich flora and amphibian fauna in this area. Close to Abra de Zamora is the Reserva Biológica San Francisco, an important area for studying the endemic flora. We followed the Old Road Loja-Zamora along the provincial border.

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CR: Old Road Loja-Catamayo – El Tambo (Provincia de Loja), alt. 2700 to 1600 m asl



414 Spectacular view to the west



415 Subparamo ecosystem



416 The other side, looking down to Loja



417 The lower, the drier.
Only a few trees remain



418 Dull and dusty, partly deforested



419 Dry and dusty down at 1600 m asl

Located on top of the hills west of Loja is the Parque Eólico Villonaco. It is accessible from Loja by the old road from Loja to the airport in Catamayo. We started at the windpark, but followed an unpaved road along the hill southwards. The vegetation was very similar to the one on the other side of Loja. There were many highland Satyrs, a lot of grasshoppers and beetles. The last day we started again on top, it was quite windy and cold, we went down by foot and bus, finally reaching a local farmhouse and crossing a creek just ahead the village of El Tambo. After lunch and tour we headed down to the Catamayo Airport.

TP: Quebrada de los Muertos – Reserva Tapichalaca (Provincia de Zamora Chinchipe), alt. 2650 m asl



420 Little creek coming out of the forest...



421 ...flooding the road,
place for puddling...



422 ... and for Satyrs and Skippers.

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423 View out of the forest to the mountains



424 Rainforest, sometimes dark and dense...



425 ...sometimes lighter and in bright light



426 Tricky conditions for taking pictures



427 View out of the forest to the lowlands



428 Bromeliads are typical epiphytes

On our trip we first stopped at the Quebrada de los Muertos (about 10 km from Tapichalaca Reserve), then explored the area around Casa Simpson and finally went on trails around the lodge. Quebrada de los Muertos is a breathtaking place, you do not know where to look at first and must always be careful not to step on butterflies. Many butterflies were perfectly camouflaged between the rocks, some were basking on leaves of the nearby shrubs, others were taking minerals from the flooded areas. Light conditions were tricky with the bright sunlight, but we were lucky fellows anyway with the weather during the whole trip.

The creek coming down the hill and out of the forest is regularly flooding the road, leaving a shallow puddle. This is a perfect place for several butterfly species for mud-puddling and seeking for scarce minerals. Predominant butterflies were *Dione glycera* directly at the water and many *Corades* sp. and *Dalla* sp. in the rocky area.

Reserva Tapichalaca is a private nature reserve established in 1998 as the first private reserve of Jocotoco Foundation, mainly to preserve the famous and newly detected *Jocotoco Antpitta*. It is an important buffer zone between Podocarpus National Park and Yacuri National Park. This diverse ecosystem consists of cloudy and humid montane forest. It hosts many endemic plants and serves as migration corridor for mammal populations.

The pristine rainforest of the Tapichalaca Nature Reserve can be explored by several trails starting from Casa Simpson. Chasing butterflies and other insects was again not so easy, although we used bait. Many were hidden in the shadow or flying away when getting closer. Some parts of the trails were at noon in bright light, others in the dense rainforest were too dark to use the camera without flash.

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CO: Copalinga Reserve – Rio Bombuscaro – Via Podocarpus (Provincia de Zamora Chinchipe), alt. 1000 m asl



429 View from the road to Bombuscaro Valley



430 Not many butterflies, but many other insects



431 On the road to Copalinga Lodge



432 At the beach "Palo de Chupa"



433 Ideal place for butterfly mud-puddling



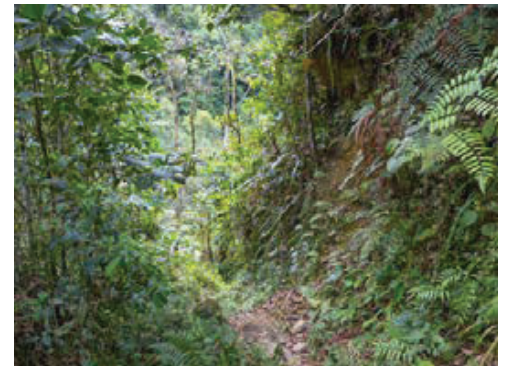
434 Deep and dark, the "Orange Trail"



435 Lighter and darker rainforest trails



436 View from the bridge over Rio Bombuscaro



437 Hiking on the other side of the river

Copalinga Ec lodge was established by a Belgian couple more than 20 years ago. Since 2020, Copalinga a Nature Reserve of the Jocotoco Foundation. The wonderful lodge itself is a perfect place to stay and explore the nearby rainforests or by following Via Podocarpus along the Rio Bombuscaro to the Podocarpus National Park. There are several trails from the lodge into the forest, the best one being the Orange Trail. Most of the time this trail is in the deep and dark rainforest, sometimes broken by a bright window with bright light as well. Perfect conditions for either Ithomiini in the dark or basking butterflies in the light. But without bait we probably would not have seen many species. Another hotspot was the "beach", "Palo de Chupa" at the shore of Rio Bombuscaro and the "Cascada del Cielo" on Via Podocarpus. Many butterfly species and day-flying moths were taking minerals from wet and muddy ground at the side of the road. Another trail went on the other side of Rio Bombuscaro, however, I was there on a private hike without any bait, so more bugs and beetles than butterflies.

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MY: Reserva Natural Maycu – Cabañas Yankuam (Provincia de Zamora Chinchipe), alt. 950 m asl



438 Cloud forest at dawn,
view from Yankuam



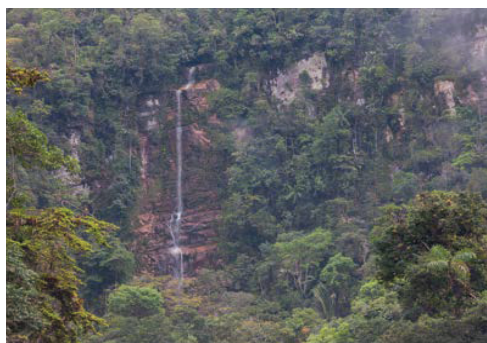
439 Via Nuevo Paraiso at Yankuam



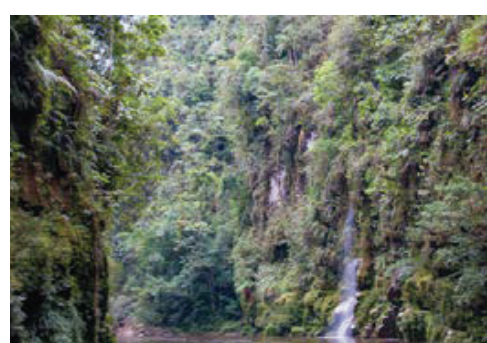
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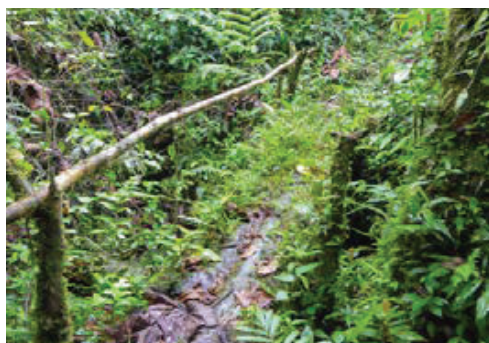
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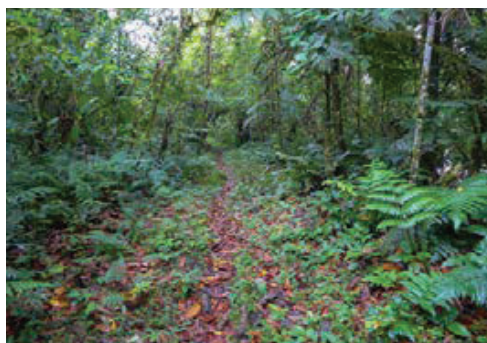
442 Encañonado de Miazi



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444 Muddy trails at Maycu Reserve



445 *Caligo* hidden under the right fern



446 Leaves and bait, always
ready for surprises

The Nangaritza Valley is one of the most important area in southern Ecuador. It is an extremely diverse and vital corridor between the forests of the Andes mountains around Podocarpus National Park and the Peruvian Amazon lowland rainforests. And it is the only remnant, the other connections in the northern part have been destroyed by wood and mining industry and agriculture. Allies of these protection projects are the government, local and indigenous communities. The Reserva Natural Maycu is located south from the Nangaritza River. We visited two separated spots, one up from Cabañas Yankuam on Via Nuevo Paraiso, the other one after Las Orquideas when heading back to Zamora. For this Maycu reserve, we had to cross the Nangaritza River by a hanging bridge to get to the dense rainforest. A trail opposite the Cabañas Yankuam invited to visit real dense, dark and slippery rainforest. Very impressive was our boat trip to the Encañonado de Miazi, deep canyons of the Nangaritza River. Steep walls left and right, waterfalls, intense green colors in any variation and on top of the rocks a wonderful Morpho flying.

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PA: Paquisha area – Santa Elena – El Dorado (Provincia de Zamora Chinchipe), alt. 900 m asl



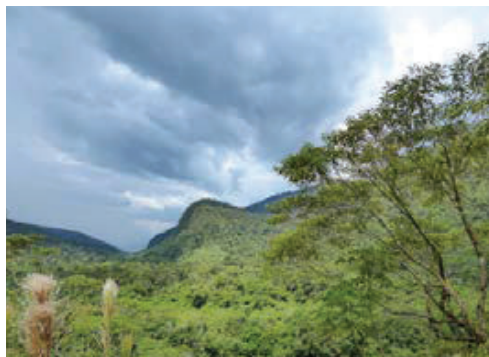
447 Typical habitat and easily accessible.



448 Light and shadow at the roadside.



449 Unspectacular area, but rich in insects.



450 View to Peruvian Amazonia on the horizon.



451 From forest to deforestation.



452 Denser and higher rainforest at 2nd spot.



453 Puente de Sumayaku and Nangaritza River



454 Puente de Sumayaku



455 Road next to Las Orquideas

The first stop in the Paquisha area was on our way to Cabañas Yankuam, close to Santa Elena on the road from Paquisha to Pachikutza on the eastern side of Nangaritza River. The spot is located on a short deforested slope at the edge of more dense rainforest. The second spot was on our way back to Copalinga, located next to Paquisha on the other side of Nangaritza River, on the unpaved road from Las Orquideas to El Dorado. Another slope surrounding rainforest and the opposite part of the slope was in a deforested area. Both spots would not be really interesting without bait on shrubs at the roadside and rocky ground, which would always be a good place for mineral-seeking butterflies and other insects. These locations are good examples for the fact, that you do not have to enter the dense rainforest to see butterflies. Best chances to see them are these shown habitats with the additional use of bait.

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Identifications and Taxonomy

All identifications are made only from photographs. Three butterflies were captured some seconds by an expert to get a dorsal and ventral view. Each of them was certainly released without being harmed. From all butterflies exact location and altitude were known. Nevertheless identification from photographs has its limitations. Getting a ventral and dorsal photograph is a question of luck and patience. Use of flash usually enhances overall quality of photograph, however, some butterflies are extremely nervous and often will be irritated by the flash and even sound of the camera. For many butterflies, especially the ones from lowland and highland Satyrini, exact species and /or subspecies determination is not possible without genital dissection procedures or DNA examination. In addition it should be considered that for some species there are no references available or the genus is in process of revision or it is a new or not yet described species or subspecies like some examples in this fieldguide. In some cases there will be an identification only to genus or species identification is marked with a “cf.” (abbreviation of latin imperative “confer” of verb “conferre”, meaning compare). Although all identifications were proved by well known experts, the responsibility for wrong or inaccurate identifications is taken by the author only.

The classification of Nymphalidae in this fieldguide is based on the following sources: Nymphalidae.net of the Nymphalidae Systematics Group (Editor: Niklas Wahlberg, author: Carlos Peña). Access: www.nymphalidae.net
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Additional remarks regarding identifications and taxonomy in this field guide: Searching in trustworthy databases you still find discrepancies in names of subfamilies, tribes, genera and species. Some of the databases or websites are not yet updated to new classifications. New classifications are also often be disputed by researchers and scientists. If there is conflicting taxonomy between resources, I am following the taxonomy listed by butterfliesofamerica.com (Altinote/Actinote, Orophila/Perisama). Many genera from Euptychiina and Pronophilina are already or will be in process of revision, so, genera Hermeuptychia and Pareuptychia can currently not be determined down to species level on a safe base. Closer identification from only a photograph is often not possible, even if the exact location is known. Location might help to distinguish between lowland and montane species.

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