

THE BUTTERFLIES OF NYIKA NATIONAL PARK

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E = endemic to Nyika

Superfamily PAPILIONOIDEA

Family Papilionidae

Papilio dardanus dardanus	Chowo Forest, Mwenembwe, evergreen forests to 2350 m
Papilio demodocus	grassland to 2200 m
Papilio jacksoni nyika	Chowo Forest, Juniper Forest
Papilio mackinnoni theodori	evergreen forest to 2200 m
Papilio nireus lyaeus	forest, woodland
Papilio ophidicephalus mkuwadzi	Chowo Forest, E Nyika
Papilio pelodurus pelodurus	Zambian Nyika NP
E Papilio thuraii cyclops	evergreen forest edge to 2400m
Graphium angolanus angolanus	<i>Brachystegia</i> woodland

Family Pieridae

Colias electo hecate	grassland up to 2600 m
Eurema brigitta brigitta	grassland up to 2600 m
Eurema desjardinsi regularis	Kasungu Mt.
Eurema hecabe setifera	Nyamkhowa Mt.
Catopsilia florella	grassland
Nepheronia argia mhondana	Chowo Forest
Appias sabina phoebe	E Nyika escarpment
Belenois rubrosignata kongwana	E Nyika
Belenois thysa thysa	E Nyika
Belenois zochalia agrippinides	E Nyika escarpment
E Mylothris crawshayi crawshayi	evergreen forest up to 2350m
Mylothris rueppellii rhodesiana	Zambian Nyika NP
Mylothris sagala dentatus	evergreen forest up to 2350m

Family Nymphalidae

Subfamily Danaidae

Danaus chrysippus aegyptius	grassland, forest edge
Amauris albimaculata latifascia	E & W Nyika
Amauris echeria serica	all forest areas
Amauris ellioti junia	all forest areas

Subfamily Heliconiidae

Acraea aganice nicega	E & W Nyika
Acraea anacreon anacreon	montane grassland
Acraea ansorgei acuta	W Nyika
Acraea caecilia pudora	Nyamkhowa Mt.
Acraea epaea melina	E Nyika
Acraea eponina	W Nyika
Acraea goetzei	forest edge
Acraea insignis insignis	Nyika

Acraea johnstoni johnstoni	E Nyika
Acraea periphanes	E Nyika
Acraea pharsalus pharsaloides	E Nyika
Acraea pudorella	E Nyika
Acraea scalivittata	evergreen forest
Acraea ventura ventura	W Nyika

Subfamily Satyrinae

Aphysonera pigmentaria latilimba	forest edge
Bicyclus anynana anynana	E Nyika
Bicyclus campinus campinus	E Nyika
Bicyclus danckelmani	W Nyika
Bicyclus simulacris	Nyika
Henotesia ubenica	W Nyika, Nyamkhowa Mt.
Ypthimomorpha itonia	E Nyika
Neita extensa	Nyamkhowa Mt.
Neocoenyra gregorii	Nyamkhowa Mt.
Neocoenyra parallelopupillata	Nyamkhowa Mt.

Subfamily Charaxinae

Charaxes achaemenes achaemenes	W Nyika, <i>Brachystegia</i> woodland
Charaxes acuminatus nyika	all forest areas
Charaxes ansorgei levicki	E & W Nyika
Charaxes aubyni australis	E Nyika, Nyamkhowa Mt.
Charaxes baumanni whytei	E Nyika
Charaxes bohemani	E Nyika
Charaxes brutus natalensis	Nyika
Charaxes canidope canidope	W Nyika, Nyamkhowa Mt.
Charaxes dilutes dilutes	W Nyika, Nyamkhowa Mt.
E Charaxes dowsetti	high mountain forest on plateau, Nyamkhowa Mt.
Charaxes druceanus proximans	W Nyika
Charaxes eupale	
Charaxes guderianus guderianus	W Nyika, <i>Brachystegia</i> woodland
Charaxes macclounii	E Nyika
E Charaxes nyikensis	E & W Nyika, Nyamkhowa Mt.
Charaxes pollux geminus	W Nyika
Charaxes varanes vologeses	W Nyika
Charaxes violetta violetta	E Nyika
Charaxes xiphares brevicaudatus	all forest areas

Subfamily Nymphalinae

Cymothoe cottrelli	E & W Nyika
Harma theobene blassi	E Nyika
Crenidomimas concordia	<i>Brachystegia</i> woodland
Bebearia mardania orientis	W Nyika
Euphaedra zaddachi	E Nyika
Hamanumida daedalus	<i>Brachystegia</i> woodland
Pseudargynnis hegemone	E Nyika
Pseudacraea deludens deludens	W Nyika
Pseudacraea lucretia expansa	Nyika
Neptis incongrua incongrua	forest
Neptis laeta	grassland, forest edge
Neptis melicerta	E Nyika

Cyrestis camillus sublineata	E & W Nyika
Sevenia amulia rosa	E Nyika
Sevenia moranti moranti	E Nyika
Eurytela hyarbas lita	W Nyika
Junonia hierta cebrene	grassland, open woodland
Junonia orithya orithya	open woodland, forest edge grassland
Precis cuama	<i>Brachystegia</i> woodland
Precis octavia sesamus	grassland, forest edge
Precis tugela aurorina	grassland, forest edge
Vanessa cardui	grassland
Antanartia dimorphica dimorphica	forest edge
Antanartia schaeneia dubia	forest edge
Lachnoptera ayresi	E Nyika
Phalanta phalantha ethiopica	grassland
Issoria smaragdifera smaragdifera	grassland, forest edge
Pardopsis punctatissima	grassland

Family Lycaenidae

E Alaena sp. nov.	Chisanga Falls
E Alaena sp. nov.	Nyika Plateau
Spalgis lemolea	Nyamkhowa Mt.
Aphnaeus erikssoni mashunae	<i>Brachystegia</i> woodland, Thazima
Aphnaeus marshalli	<i>Brachystegia</i> woodland, Thazima
Cigaritis homeyeri	Nyamkhowa Mt., E Nyika
Cigaritis mozambica	E & W Nyika
Cigaritis natalensi	Nyamkhowa Mt., W Nyika
Cigaritis victoriae	Nyamkhowa Mt.
Lipaphneus aderna spindasoides	E Nyika
Axiocerses amanga	<i>Brachystegia</i> woodland
Axiocerses bambana	W Nyika
E Axiocerses karinae	W Nyika
Axiocerses punicea	E Nyika
Aloeides griseus	W Nyika
Iolaus (Argiolaus) lalos lalos	E Nyika
Iolaus (Argiolaus) silarus	E Nyika
Iolaus (Epamera) congdoni	montane forest, W Nyika
E Iolaus (Epamera) helenae	[sp. nov. of Bampton]
Iolaus (Epamera) nasisii	woodland and forest edges
Iolaus (Epamera) sidus	woodland and forest edges
Iolaus (Epamera) violacea	woodland and lower levels
Iolaus (Philiolaus) stewarti	montane forest throughout
Iolaus (Philiolaus) pamae	woodland
Stugeta bowkeri nyasana	woodland
Hemiolaus caeculus caeculus	woodland
Hypolycaena auricostalis	Nyamkhowa Mt.
Hypolycaena pachalica	Nyamkhowa Mt.
Hypolycaena philippus	W Nyika
Pilodeudorix caerulea	<i>Brachystegia</i> woodland, grassy hillsides
Pilodeudorix cameroni katanga	E Nyika
Pilodeudorix zeloides	W Nyika
Deudorix (Virachola) antalus	W Nyika
Deudorix (Virachola) caliginosa	E Nyika
Deudorix (Virachola) ecaudata	<i>Brachystegia</i> woodland

Deudorix lorisona coffea	E Nyika
Capysdis connexivus	throughout Nyika on <i>Protea</i>
Lycaena abbotti	throughout Nyika on <i>Rumex</i>
Anthene definita definita	W Nyika
Anthene hobleyi	W Nyika
Anthene kersteni	Nyamkhowa Mt.
Anthene lasti	Nyamkhowa Mt.
Anthene ligures	E Nyika
Anthene liodes	Nyamkhowa Mt
Anthene rubricinctus anadema	E Nyika
Triclema nigeriae	Nyamkhowa Mt.
Cupidopsis cissus	<i>Brachystegia</i> woodland
Cupidopsis jobates jobates	Nyamkhowa Mt.
Pseudonacaduba sichela sichela	<i>Brachystegia</i> woodland
Lampides boeticus	woodland and grassland
Uranothauma antinorii felthami	E Nyika
Uranothauma cordatus	W Nyika
Uranothauma crawshayi	high Nyika Plateau
Uranothauma cuneatum	W Nyika, Nyamkhowa Mt.
Uranothauma falckensteini	Nyamkhowa Mt.
Uranothauma heritsia virgo	E Nyika
Uranothauma nubifer	Nyamkhowa Mt.
Uranothauma poggei	E Nyika
Uranothauma vansomereni	E Nyika
Uranothauma williamsi	W Nyika
Cacyreus fracta	W Nyika, Nyamkhowa Mt.
Cacyreus virilis	W Nyika
Harpendyreus junco	wetlands, montane grassland, forest edge
Harpendyreus hazelae	wetlands, montane grassland, forest edge
Harpendyreus marungensis marungensis	W Nyika
Leptotes jeanneli	W Nyika
Leptotes marginalis	Nyamkhowa Mt.
Tuxentius ertli	W Nyika, Nyamkhowa Mt.
Zizeeria knysna	W Nyika
Actizera stellata	High Nyika Plateau
Azonus mirza	E Nyika
Azonus moriqua	E Nyika
Azonus natalensis	Nyamkhowa Mt.
Eicochrysops eicotrochilus	W Nyika
Eicochrysops messapus mahallakoena	Nyamkhowa Mt.
Euchrysops unigemmata	W Nyika
Lepidochrysops barkeri	E Nyika
E Lepidochrysops chalceus	W Nyika
Lepidochrysops cupreus	W Nyika
Lepidochrysops dolorosa	W Nyika
E Lepidochrysops intermedia cottrelli	W Nyika
E Lepidochrysops nyika	W Nyika
Lepidochrysops pampolis	W Nyika

Superfamily HESPERIOIDEA

Family Hesperiiidae

Coeliades forestan	Chowo Forest
Celaenorrhinus galenus	Chowo Forest

<i>Celaenorrhinus zanqua</i>	Nyamkhowa Mt., montane evergreen forest
<i>Eagris sabadius ochreana</i>	Nyamkhowa Mt., Chowo Forest
<i>Calleagris hollandi</i>	E Nyika, montane evergreen forest fringes
<i>Calleagris jamesoni</i>	E Nyika
<i>Eretis djaelaelae</i>	Zambian Nyika NP
<i>Eretis melania</i>	Nyamkhowa Mt.
<i>Sarangesa lucidella</i>	Nyika
<i>Abantis paradisea</i>	E Nyika
<i>Abantis zambisiaca</i>	E Nyika escarpment
<i>Spialia spio</i>	Zambian Nyika NP
<i>Metisella decipiens</i>	E Nyika
<i>Metisella formosa formosa</i>	E Nyika escarpment
E <i>Metisella medea nyika</i>	Kasungu Mt. (1890m?)
<i>Metisella orientalis orientalis</i>	Zambian Nyika NP, also E Nyikaescarpment
E <i>Metisella perexcellens perexcellens</i>	E Nyika
<i>Metisella quadrisignatus quadrisignatus</i>	E Nyika
<i>Ampittia capenas capenas</i>	E Nyika escarpment
<i>Kedestes barberae barberae</i>	Zambian Nyika NP
<i>Kedestes brunneostriga</i>	E Nyika escarpment
<i>Kedestes wallengrenii fenestratus</i>	Zambian Nyika NP, E Nyika
<i>Gorgyra bibulus</i>	Zambian Nyika NP, Nyamkhowa Mt.
<i>Gorgyra johnstoni</i>	E Nyika escarpment
<i>Parosmodes moranti moranti</i>	Nyamkhowa Mt.
<i>Acleros mackeenii</i>	Zambian Nyika NP
<i>Semelea arela</i>	E Nyika escarpment
<i>Semelea pulvina</i>	E Nyika escarpment
<i>Chondrolepis telisignata</i>	Nyika
<i>Artitropa milleri</i>	
<i>Artitropa reducta</i>	Chisanga Falls
<i>Platylesches langa</i>	Zambian Nyika NP
<i>Platylesches picanini</i>	E Nyika escarpment
<i>Platylesches rasta rasta</i>	Nyamkhowa Mt.
<i>Platylesches robustus robustus</i>	Nyamkhowa Mt.
<i>Zenonia zeno</i>	Zambian Nyika NP, evergreen forest edge (2160m)
<i>Borbo borbonica borbonica</i>	Chowo Forest
<i>Borbo fallax</i>	Zambian Nyika NP
<i>Borbo gemella</i>	Nyamkhowa Mt.
<i>Borbo micans</i>	E Nyika escarpment
<i>Borbo perobscura</i>	Nyamkhowa Mt.
<i>Borbo sirena</i>	Zambian Nyika NP
<i>Gegenes niso brevicornis</i>	Zambian Nyika NP, E Nyika escarpment

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