

THE BUTTERFLIES OF NYIKA NATIONAL PARK (revised Nov 2019)

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There is a total of 250 species recorded from the Nyika National Park to date, of which 10 are believed to be endemic species or subspecies.

E = endemic to Nyika (non-endemic taxa previously thought to be endemic are indicated)

Family PAPILIONIDAE

<i>Graphium angolanus angolanus</i>	<i>Brachystegia</i> woodland
<i>Graphium policeses policeses</i>	forest and <i>Brachystegia</i> woodland
<i>Papilio dardanus tibullus</i>	Chowo Forest, Mwenembwe, evergreen forest to 2350 m
<i>Papilio demodocus demodocus</i>	grassland to 2200 m
E <i>Papilio jacksoni nyika</i>	subsp. endemic to Nyika plateau; Chowo & juniper forest
<i>Papilio mackinmoni isokae</i>	evergreen forest to 2200 m
<i>Papilio nireus lyaeus</i>	forest, woodland
<i>Papilio ophidicephalus mkuwadzi</i>	Chowo Forest, E Nyika
<i>Papilio pelodurus vesper</i>	Zambian Nyika NP
E <i>Papilio thuraui cyclopis</i>	subsp. endemic to Nyika plateau; evergreen forest edge to 2400m

Family HESPERIIDAE

Subfamily Coeliadinae

<i>Coeliades forestan forestan</i>	Chowo Forest
<i>Coeliades sejuncta</i>	based only on sight record by Stewart Fisher

Subfamily Pyrginae

<i>Abantis paradisea</i>	E Nyika
<i>Abantis zambesiaca</i>	E Nyika escarpment
<i>Apallaga biseriata reducta</i>	forest
<i>Calleagris hollandi</i>	E Nyika, montane evergreen forest fringes
<i>Calleagris jamesoni jamesoni</i>	E Nyika
<i>Celaenorhinus zanja malawensis</i>	Nyamkhowa Mt, montane evergreen forest
<i>Eagris sabadius ochreana</i>	Nyamkhowa Mt, Chowo Forest
<i>Eretis djaelaelae</i>	Zambian Nyika NP
<i>Eretis melania</i>	Nyamkhowa Mt
<i>Sarangesa lucidella lucidella</i>	Nyika
<i>Spialia spio</i>	Zambian Nyika NP

Subfamily Heteropterinae

<i>Metisella decipiens</i>	E Nyika
<i>Metisella formosus formosus</i>	E Nyika escarpment
<i>Metisella medea nyika</i>	not Nyika endemic; Kasungu Mt (1890m?)
<i>Metisella orientalis orientalis</i>	Zambian Nyika NP, also E Nyika escarpment
E <i>Metisella perexcellens perexcellens</i>	subsp. endemic to Nyika plateau (Kasungu Mt); E Nyika
<i>Metisella quadrisignatus quadrisignatus</i>	E Nyika

Subfamily Hesperinae

<i>Acleros mackenii mackenii</i>	Zambian Nyika NP
<i>Afrogegenes letterstedti</i>	Zambian Nyika NP, E Nyika escarpment
<i>Ampittia capenas capenas</i>	E Nyika escarpment
<i>Artitropa milleri milleri</i>	
<i>Artitropa reducta</i>	Chisanga Falls
<i>Borbo borbonica borbonica</i>	Chowo Forest
<i>Borbo fallax</i>	Zambian Nyika NP
<i>Borbo micans</i>	E Nyika escarpment
<i>Borbo sirena</i>	Zambian Nyika NP
<i>Chondrolepis niveicornis</i>	wetlands
<i>Chondrolepis telisignata</i>	Nyika
<i>Gorgyra bibulus</i>	Zambian Nyika NP, Nyamkhowa Mt
<i>Gorgyra johnstoni</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>Larsenia gemella</i>	Nyamkhowa Mt
<i>Larsenia perobscura</i>	Nyamkhowa Mt
<i>Parosmodes morantii morantii</i>	Nyamkhowa Mt
<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>Semalea arela</i>	E Nyika escarpment
<i>Semalea pulvina</i>	E Nyika escarpment
<i>Zenonia zeno</i>	Zambian Nyika NP, evergreen forest edge (2160m)

Family PIERIDAE**Subfamily Coliadinae**

<i>Catopsilia florella</i>	grassland
<i>Colias electo hecate</i>	grassland to 2600 m
<i>Eurema brigitta brigitta</i>	grassland to 2600 m
<i>Eurema desjardinsii regularis</i>	Kasungu Mt.
<i>Eurema hecabe solifera</i>	Nyamkhowa Mt
<i>Eurema mandarinula</i>	montane grassland & forest

Subfamily Pierinae

<i>Appias sabina phoebe</i>	E Nyika escarpment
<i>Belenois rubrosignata kongwana</i>	E Nyika
<i>Belenois thysa thysa</i>	E Nyika
<i>Belenois zochalia agrippinides</i>	E Nyika escarpment
E <i>Mylothris crawshayi crawshayi</i>	subsp. endemic to Nyika plateau; evergreen forest to 2350m
<i>Mylothris rueppellii rhodesiana</i>	Zambian Nyika NP
<i>Mylothris sagala dentatus</i>	evergreen forest to 2350m
<i>Nepheronia argia mhondana</i>	Chowo Forest

Family LYCAENIDAE**Subfamily Miletinae**

<i>Spalgis lemolea lemolea</i>	Nyamkhowa Mt
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Subfamily Aphnaeinae

<i>Aloeides conradsi angoniensis</i>	montane grassland
<i>Aloeides griseus</i>	W Nyika
<i>Aloeides molomo handmani</i>	grassland
<i>Aphnaeus marshalli</i>	<i>Brachystegia</i> woodland, Thazima
<i>Aphnaeus mashunae</i>	<i>Brachystegia</i> woodland, Thazima
<i>Axiocerses amanga amanga</i>	<i>Brachystegia</i> woodland
<i>Axiocerses bambana nyika</i>	subsp. endemic to Nyika plateau; W Nyika
<i>Axiocerses karinae</i>	not Nyika endemic; W Nyika
<i>Axiocerses punicea punicea</i>	E Nyika
<i>Axiocerses tjoane tjoane</i>	savanna
<i>Cigaritis homeyeri</i>	Nyamkhowa Mt, E Nyika
<i>Cigaritis mozambica</i>	E & W Nyika
<i>Cigaritis natalensis</i>	Nyamkhowa Mt, W Nyika
<i>Cigaritis victoriae</i>	Nyamkhowa Mt
<i>Lipaphnaeus aderna spindasoides</i>	E Nyika

Subfamily Poritiinae

<i>Alaena reticulata</i>	rocky, wooded hillsides & open montane grassland
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Subfamily Lycaeninae

<i>Lycaena phlaeas abbottii</i>	throughout Nyika on <i>Rumex</i>
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Subfamily Theclinae

<i>Capys connexiva connexiva</i>	throughout Nyika on <i>Protea</i>
<i>Deudorix antalus</i>	W Nyika
<i>Deudorix caliginosa</i>	E Nyika
<i>Deudorix ecaudata congdoni</i>	<i>Brachystegia</i> woodland
<i>Deudorix lorisona coffea</i>	E Nyika
<i>Hemiolaus caeculus caeculus</i>	woodland
<i>Hypolycaena auricostalis auricostalis</i>	Nyamkhowa Mt
<i>Hypolycaena pachalica</i>	Nyamkhowa Mt
<i>Hypolycaena philippus philippus</i>	W Nyika
<i>Iolaus congdoni</i>	montane forest, W Nyika
E <i>Iolaus helenae</i>	endemic to Nyika plateau
<i>Iolaus lalos lalos</i>	E Nyika
<i>Iolaus nasisii</i>	woodland & forest edges
<i>Iolaus pamae</i>	woodland
<i>Iolaus sidus</i>	woodland & forest edges
<i>Iolaus silarus silarus</i>	E Nyika
<i>Iolaus stewarti</i>	montane forests
<i>Iolaus violacea</i>	woodland & lower levels
<i>Pilodeudorix cameroni katanga</i>	E Nyika
<i>Pilodeudorix obscurata</i>	<i>Brachystegia</i> woodland, grassy hillsides
<i>Pilodeudorix zeloides</i>	W Nyika
<i>Stugeta bowkeri nyasana</i>	woodland

Subfamily Polyommatainae

<i>Actizera stellata</i>	high Nyika plateau
<i>Anthene anadema</i>	E Nyika
<i>Anthene definita definita</i>	W Nyika
<i>Anthene hobleiy ufipa</i>	W Nyika

<i>Anthene larydas</i>	Nyamkhowa Mt
<i>Anthene lasti lasti</i>	Nyamkhowa Mt
<i>Anthene ligures ligures</i>	E Nyika
<i>Anthene liodes bihe</i>	Nyamkhowa Mt
<i>Anthene princeps</i>	moist savanna & open woodland
<i>Anthene uzungwae</i>	Afromontane forest & forest margins
<i>Azanus mirza</i>	E Nyika
<i>Azanus moriqua</i>	E Nyika
<i>Azanus natalensis</i>	Nyamkhowa Mt
<i>Cacyreus fracta fracta</i>	W Nyika, Nyamkhowa Mt
<i>Cacyreus virilis</i>	W Nyika
<i>Cupidopsis cissus cissus</i>	<i>Brachystegia</i> woodland
<i>Cupidopsis jobates jobates</i>	Nyamkhowa Mt
<i>Eicochrysops eicotrochilus</i>	W Nyika
<i>Eicochrysops messapus mahallakoaena</i>	Nyamkhowa Mt
<i>Euchrysops barkeri</i>	E Nyika
<i>Euchrysops dolorosa</i>	W Nyika
<i>Euchrysops malathana</i>	savanna
<i>Euchrysops unigemmata</i>	W Nyika
<i>Harpendyreus hazelae</i>	wetlands, montane grassland, forest edge
<i>Harpendyreus juno</i>	wetlands, montane grassland, forest edge
<i>Harpendyreus marungensis marungensis</i>	W Nyika
<i>Lampides boeticus</i>	woodland & grassland
<i>Lepidochrysops abyssiniensis loveni</i>	<i>Brachystegia</i> woodland
E <i>Lepidochrysops chalceus</i>	endemic to Nyika plateau; montane grassland
<i>Lepidochrysops desmondi</i>	<i>Brachystegia</i> woodland
E <i>Lepidochrysops handmani</i>	endemic to Nyika plateau; montane grassland
<i>Lepidochrysops intermedia cottrelli</i>	not a Nyika endemic; W Nyika
E <i>Lepidochrysops nyika</i>	endemic to Nyika plateau; W Nyika
<i>Lepidochrysops pampolis</i>	W Nyika
<i>Leptotes jeanneli</i>	W Nyika
<i>Leptotes marginalis</i>	Nyamkhowa Mt
<i>Pseudonacaduba sichela sichela</i>	<i>Brachystegia</i> woodland
<i>Triclema nigeriae</i>	Nyamkhowa Mt
<i>Tuxentius ertli</i>	W Nyika, Nyamkhowa Mt
<i>Uranothauma antinorii felthami</i>	E Nyika
<i>Uranothauma cordatus</i>	W Nyika
<i>Uranothauma crawshayi</i>	high Nyika Plateau
<i>Uranothauma cuneatum</i>	W Nyika, Nyamkhowa Mt
<i>Uranothauma falkensteinii</i>	Nyamkhowa Mt
<i>Uranothauma heritsia virgo</i>	E Nyika
<i>Uranothauma nubifer nubifer</i>	Nyamkhowa Mt
<i>Uranothauma poggei</i>	E Nyika
<i>Uranothauma vansomerani</i>	E Nyika
<i>Uranothauma williamsi</i>	W Nyika
<i>Zizeeria knysna knysna</i>	W Nyika

Family NYMPHALIDAE

Subfamily Danainae

<i>Amauris albimaculata latifascia</i>	E & W Nyika
<i>Amauris echeria serica</i>	all forest areas
<i>Amauris ellioti junia</i>	all forest areas

<i>Danaus chrysippus orientis</i>	grassland, forest edge
Subfamily Limenitidinae	
<i>Bebearia orientis orientis</i>	W Nyika
<i>Cymothoe cottrelli cottrelli</i>	E& W Nyika
<i>Cymothoe zombana</i>	Afromontane forest
<i>Euphaedra zaddachii crawshayi</i>	E Nyika
<i>Euryphura concordia</i>	<i>Brachystegia</i> woodland
<i>Hamanumida daedalus</i>	<i>Brachystegia</i> woodland
<i>Harma theobene superna</i>	E Nyika
<i>Neptis aurivillii aurivillii</i>	Afromontane forest
<i>Neptis incongrua incongrua</i>	forest
<i>Neptis laeta</i>	grassland, forest edge
<i>Neptis melicerta</i>	E Nyika
<i>Pseudacraea deludens amaurina</i>	W Nyika
<i>Pseudacraea lucretia expansa</i>	Nyika
<i>Pseudargynnis hegemone</i>	E Nyika
Subfamily Heliconiinae	
<i>Acraea acara acara</i>	forest & woodland
<i>Acraea acrita acrita</i>	savanna & dense woodland
<i>Acraea aganice montana</i>	E & W Nyika
<i>Acraea caecilia pudora</i>	Nyamkhowa Mt
<i>Acraea caldarena caldarena</i>	<i>Brachystegia</i> woodland
<i>Acraea epaea melina</i>	E Nyika
<i>Acraea insignis insignis</i>	Nyika
<i>Acraea leucopyga</i>	dry woodland & savanna
<i>Acraea lyci</i>	Nyamkhowa, Nyika plateau (Bernaud & Murphy 2014)
<i>Acraea natalica</i>	savanna & <i>Brachystegia</i> woodland
<i>Acraea periphanes</i>	E Nyika
<i>Acraea pudorella</i>	E Nyika
<i>Acraea scalivittata scalivittata</i>	evergreen forest
<i>Issoria smaragdifera smaragdifera</i>	grassland, forest edge
<i>Lachnoptera ayresii</i>	E Nyika
<i>Pardopsis punctatissima</i>	grassland
<i>Phalanta phalantha aethiopica</i>	grassland
<i>Telchinia acuta acuta</i>	W Nyika
<i>Telchinia baxteri baxteri</i>	Afromontane forest
<i>Telchinia cabira</i>	forest
<i>Telchinia goetzei</i>	forest edge
<i>Telchinia johnstoni</i>	E Nyika
E <i>Telchinia parei orangica</i>	subsp. endemic to Nyika plateau; montane grassland bordering forest & woodland
<i>Telchinia pharsalus pharsalus</i>	E Nyika
<i>Telchinia serena</i>	
<i>Telchinia sotikensis sotikensis</i>	forest
<i>Telchinia ventura ventura</i>	W Nyika
Subfamily Biblidinae	
<i>Byblia anvatara acheloia</i>	savanna
<i>Eurytela dryope angulata</i>	forest/savanna ecotone
<i>Eurytela hiarbas lita</i>	W Nyika

<i>Sevenia morantii</i>	E Nyika
<i>Sevenia rosa</i>	E Nyika
Subfamily Cyrestinae	
<i>Cyrestis camillus sublineata</i>	E & W Nyika
Subfamily Nymphalinae	
<i>Antanartia schaeneia dubia</i>	forest edge
<i>Junonia artaxia</i>	<i>Brachystegia</i> woodland
<i>Junonia hierta cebrene</i>	grassland, open woodland
<i>Junonia orithya madagascariensis</i>	open woodland, forest edge grassland
<i>Precis cuama</i>	<i>Brachystegia</i> woodland
<i>Precis octavia sesamus</i>	grassland, forest edge
<i>Precis tugela aurorina</i>	grassland, forest edge
<i>Vanessa cardui</i>	grassland
<i>Vanessa dimorphica dimorphica</i>	forest edge
Subfamily Charaxinae	
<i>Charaxes achaemenes achaemenes</i>	W Nyika, <i>Brachystegia</i> woodland
<i>Charaxes acuminatus nyika</i>	all forest areas
<i>Charaxes ansorgei levicki</i>	E & W Nyika
<i>Charaxes aubyni australis</i>	E Nyika, Nyamkhowa Mt
<i>Charaxes baumanni whytei</i>	E Nyika
<i>Charaxes bohemani bohemani</i>	E Nyika
<i>Charaxes brutus natalensis</i>	Nyika
<i>Charaxes candiopa</i>	W Nyika, Nyamkhowa Mt
<i>Charaxes dilutus dilutus</i>	W Nyika, Nyamkhowa Mt
E <i>Charaxes dowsetti</i>	Nyika endemic; high mountain forest on plateau, Nyamkhowa Mt
<i>Charaxes druceanus proximans</i>	W Nyika
<i>Charaxes eupale veneris</i>	
<i>Charaxes guderiana guderiana</i>	W Nyika, <i>Brachystegia</i> woodland
<i>Charaxes macclounii macclounii</i>	E Nyika
<i>Charaxes nyikensis</i>	not a Nyika endemic; E & W Nyika, Nyamkhowa Mt
<i>Charaxes pollux geminus</i>	W Nyika
<i>Charaxes varanes vologeses</i>	W Nyika
<i>Charaxes violetta melloni</i>	E Nyika
<i>Charaxes xiphares ludovici</i>	all forest areas
Subfamily Satyrinae	
<i>Aphysoneura pigmentaria latilimba</i>	forest edge
<i>Bicyclus anynana anynana</i>	E Nyika
<i>Bicyclus campina campina</i>	E Nyika
<i>Bicyclus danckelmani</i>	W Nyika
<i>Bicyclus simulacris simulacris</i>	Nyika
<i>Brakefieldia ubenica ubenica</i>	W Nyika, Nyamkhowa Mt
<i>Melanitis leda</i>	forest & dense woodland
<i>Neita extensa</i>	Nyamkhowa Mt
<i>Neocoenyra gregorii</i>	Nyamkhowa Mt
<i>Neocoenyra paralellpupillata</i>	Nyamkhowa Mt
<i>Ypthimomorpha itonia</i>	E Nyika

Images of the male and female of *Lepidochrysops chalceus*, which is endemic to Nyika N.P.

