

Notes and Records

Occurrence of *Papilio*, *Graphium* and *Charaxes* butterflies in Ugandan forests

As with forests throughout the tropics, those of Uganda are under threat from logging and farming encroachment. However, the butterflies of the genera *Papilio*, *Graphium* and *Charaxes* are common in the forests of Uganda and are found in the mountains of the east African Rift Valley. The butterflies of the genera *Papilio*, *Graphium* and *Charaxes* are common in the forests of Uganda and are found in the mountains of the east African Rift Valley.

Species lists produced have been combined with existing data. Observations made in 1987 are distinguished only where they represent new locality records.

According to P.R. Ackery of the British Museum (Natural History) *Graphium latreillanus* has been previously recorded in Ituri so the new record for Kasyoha–Kitomi pushes the continental distribution of this species further east. The occurrence of other species offers few surprises except perhaps by way of revealing absence. However, species abundance varied greatly and for many it is not clear whether this is due to special characteristics or ‘seasonal’ variations.

Identification (Williams, 1969) was found to be straightforward with the exception of the (Black) *Charaxes etheocles–ethalion* complex, which have for this reason been excluded from the list. Opinion suggests that further study of the early stages

of these species will be required to finally disentangle their complex morphology.

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