

From the Field Note Books

Bterflies**Baronet - *Symphhaedra nais***

Date : 29.12.1999
 Time : 14:59
 Location : Metihakka, Nikapotha. (Badulla district)
 Habitat : Sawana grassland
 Observation : Two Baronets settled on the dry rocks.

Jewel Four-ring - *Ypthima singala*

Date : 14.12.1999
 Time : 10:03
 Location : Upper Kakkutuwarawa, Akkaraseeya, Nikapotha. (Badulla district)
 Habtat : Sawana grassland

Gaudy Baron (female) - *Euthalia lubentina*

Date : 19.02.1999
 Time : 13:10
 Location : Lemasthota oya, Lemasthota, Nikapotha (Badulla district)
 Habitat : Mainly consisted of disturbed riverine forest and home gardens.
 Observation : Was settled on dry rocks in the river.

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The Yamfly - *Loxura atymnus* Stoll, 1780

Date : 09.11.2000
 Location : Buttala (Monaragala district)
 Habitat : Uva pathana grassland vegetation (mainly *Panicum* Sp.) with occasional trees. On a side of a road.
 Observation : Flying closer to the ground across the road and settled on small plants within the grassland.

Five-bar Sword tail - *Pathysa antiphates* Cramer, 1775

Date : 18.07.1999
 Location : Runakanda (Kaluthara District)
 Habitat : A footpath, closer to a stream inside a healthy wet zone forest.
 Observation : Flying very fast and frequently settling on the wet soil, but did not wait for a long time on the ground.

Banded Peacock - *Papilio crino* (Fabricius, 1792)

Date : 10.11.2000
 Location : Buttala (Monaragala District)
 Habitat : An open home garden with several flowered Ceasalpinia trees.
 Observation : Frequently settled and fed on Ceasalpinia flowers. Associated with a large number of white and yellow butterflies (Albatross, Emigrant, and Lime butterflies)

Blue Oak Leaf - *Kallima philarchus* Westwood, 1848

Date : 18.07.1999
 Location : Runakanda (Kaluthara District)
 Habitat : Shady wet zone forests.
 Observation : Flying low inside the forest.

Black Rajah - *Charaxes solon* Fabricius, 1793 and Tawny Rajah - *Charnaxes psaphon* Westwood, 1848

Date : 18.11.1998
 Location : Buttala (Monaragala District)
 Habitat : Disturbed area under the shade of mango trees.
 Observation : Both these species were observed settled within the leaf litter under the shade and sucking juice form ripe mangoes.

The Baron - *Euthalia aconthea* Cramer, 1777

Date : 16.11.1998
 Location : Buttala (Monaragala District)
 Habitat : Disturbed area under the shade of mongo trees.
 Observation : Settled on the ground on the leaf litter. Flew up and settled on a mango leaf when disturbed. Only a male specimen was observed.

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Reptiles***Calotes liolepis***

Date : 21.08.1999
 Location : Upper Blackwood, Beragala (Badulla district)

Habitat : Tea estate
 Observation : One female laying eggs on the sandy ground.

Calotes ceylonensis

Date : 25.10.1999
 Location : Kakkutuwarawa, Akkarseeya, Nikapotha (Badulla district)
 Habitat : Well wooded home garden.

Lyriocephalus scutatus

Date : 28.06.1999
 Location : Diyaluma, Koslanda (Badulla District)
 Habitat : Dry zone forest

Aspidura trachyrocta

Date : 12.07.1999
 Time : 08:45
 Location : Tangamale forest, Haputale (Badulla District)
 Habitat : Mountain forest
 Observation : Was settled under the leaf litter layer.

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Painted-lip-Lizard - *Calotes ceylonensis* (Thola Visithuru Katussa)

01) Date : 15.06.1999
 Location : Budugallena - on the right side of the Buttala Kataragama Road (Monaragala District)

Habitat : A healthy dry zone forest on a side of an open avenue within the Budugallena hermitage.

Observation : Resting on tree trunk at the edge of the forest under the direct sunlight.

02) Date : 09.11.1999
 Location : Pelwatta (Monaragala District)
 Habitat : A disturbed area beside the Pelwatta sugar plantation.

Observation : Was settled on a dead tree trunk under the direct sunlight.

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Plants

Nervilia juliana

Date : 14.12.1999
 Height : 690mm
 Location : Upper Metihakka, Akkarseeya, Nikapotha (Badulla district)
 Habitat : Sawana forest ground
 Observation : More than 100 individuals were observed.

Ephemeratha macraei

Date : 02.06.1999
 Location : Lemasthota oya, Kalkanna, Nikapotha (Badulla District)
 Habitat : Intermediate zone riverine forest

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