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LEPIDOPTERA COLLECTING IN KENYA AND TANZANIA

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ABSTRACT. - Situated in tropical Africa, on both sides of the Equator, Kenya and Tanzania possess an extraordinary rich Lepidoptera fauna (according to Larsen's latest book on Kenya: 871 species only for the Rhopalocera and Grypocera). The present paper reports on the author's participation in a non-entomological mini-expedition during January 1977 across those two countries, with comments on the areas where collecting was possible and practiced by him as a serious amateur lepidopterist. In addition there are photos of some interesting landscapes and, last but not least, a complete list of all the species captured and noted.

RÉSUMÉ.- En pleine Afrique équatoriale, à cheval sur l'Equateur, le Kenya et la Tanzanie possèdent une faune de Lépidoptères extraordinairement riche (871 especes seulement pour les Rhopalocères et Hesperiides du Kenya, selon le tout récent ouvrage de Larsen). La présente note relate une mini-expédition non spécifiquement entomologique en janvier 1977 à travers ces deux pays, avec commmentaires de l'auteur, lépidoptériste amateur éclairé, sur les lieux où il a eu la possibilité de collectionner, récit agrémenté de quelques photos de biotopes intéressants et surtout avec la liste complète des espèces capturées et notées.

KEY WORDS: Acraeinae, Africa, Arctiidae, Cossidae, Danainae, distribution, Ethiopian, Eupterotidae, Hesperiidae, Limacodidae, Lymantriidae, Noctuidae, Notodontidae, Nymphalidae, Papilionidae, Pieridae, Psychidae, Pyralidae, Saturniidae, Satyrinae, Thaumetopoeinae.

In January 1977, I had the opportunity of participating in a mini-expedition — private and non-scientific — during 24 days in Kenya and Tanzania (see map, Fig. 1).

Having foreseen that it would certainly be possible to collect Lepidoptera, at least outside the National reserves, I took with me all the equipment required: two nets, killing pots and - most important for bringing back my captures in good condition to Switzerland — "Newman boxes".

As I normally limit my research and collection to the Lepidoptera of Switzerland and neighbouring regions, I collected in Kenya and Tanzania for pure pleasure, donating all my specimens to the Natural History Museum of Basel. As a matter of fact, all my Kenya-Tanzania Lepidoptera are now incorporated in the general collection of our Museum: ca. 300 specimens, belonging to 122 species, of which 5 are new to science.

To identify them, I used of course the good old Seitz (1925-40: Vol. 13, Parts 1-4), and at home, for the butterflies, three recent classic works: d'Abrera (1980), Berger (1981) and Larsen (1991). Moreover, I enjoyed the precious benevolent assistance of known specialists to whom I sent my material for determination and whom I thank here once more in globo. Dr. W. Wittmer, Director of the Entomology Section, Natural History Museum of Basel, Switzerland (where I have worked part-time since my retirement as honorary assistant conservator of the Lepidoptera collections), had kindly given me a precious paper "To whom it may concern"; this certified the final destination of my collection and was most helpful once at the frontier of Tanzania.

For the pleasant group of 18 mountaineers from Basel, Switzerland (all employed by the big Pharma-"Multis", and members of our "Alpine and Ski Club Arolla"), the expedition had a triple purpose: a) "alpine" trekking around the summits of Mt. Kenya; b) classical safari in the East African national parks and reserves; and c) resting and swimming along the shores of the Indian Ocean, and everywhere photographing and filming.

Thus, this paper is neither a complete narrative of all our thrilling experiences, nor a perfect scientific report. It has two aims: 1) to give an idea of the possibilities of collecting Lepidoptera outside normal entomological surroundings and conditions; and 2) to provide a scientific conclusion to such a "wild" form of collecting, by publishing a complete list of the species collected and exactly determined — a little stone to help complete the great mosaic of the local fauna.

A. ALPINE TREKKING ON MT. KENYA

During the first part, "high mountaineering" around Mt. Kenya, I had three opportunities for collecting. The first was at the very British and most comfortable River Lodge of Naro Moru (at 1950m), our "base camp", in green and agreeably cool surroundings. On 9 and 14 January, there was light collecting at the brilliantly illuminated windows of the cottage of the director of River Lodge, kindly put to my disposal in the evenings. Some of the numerous Heterocera caught there were Thaumetopoea apologetica Strand (Notodontidae), Euproctis fasciata Walker (Lymantriidae), Piereia subterlimbata Prout (Geometridae: Larentiinae), and the Noctuidae Tychomarptes inferior Guenée, Grammodes exclusiva Pagenstecher, Ctenoplusia limbirena Cramer, and Pantydia dufayi Laport.

On 10 January I got my first "tropical (African) butterflies" there — very difficult to catch. This was along the wide car-trail through the rainforest between the entrance of the Mt. Kenya National Park (2470m) and the meteorological station (3048m). Species found included: Colias electo Linnaeus and Belenois

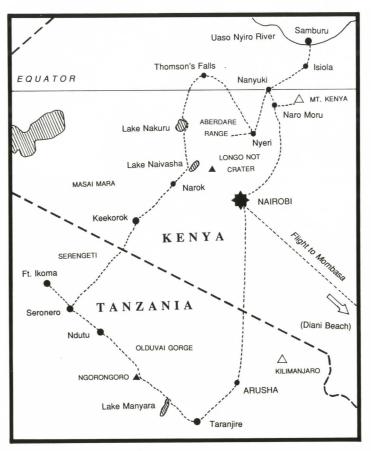


Fig. 1. Expedition map, January 1977.

aurota Fabricius (Pieridae); Cynthia cardui Linnaeus and Issoria hanningtoni jeanneli Bernardi (Nymphalidae); and Chondrolepis telisignata Butler (Hesperiidae).

On 11 January we climbed high, above the upper limit of the rainforest, and higher than the slope-bog with its extraordinary high-altitude flora (crossing over this was really a difficult and most tiring enterprise), along the trail through the Teleki Valley and its dry "meadows" below Mackinder Camp (4150m). It was a glorious sunny day, but I had only one catch, the small mountain lycaenid *Harpendyreus aequatorialis sharpiae* Butler.

Any collecting above Mackinder Camp, on 12 January, was impossible because of the strenuous ascent to Kami Hut (4440m) behind the two summits of Mt. Kenya: Batian (5199m) and Nelion (5188m). There are two passes: one near Arthur's Seat, and the Hausburg Pass. On the following day, 13 January, it was still worse: our group woke up in the tents under equatorial snow and had to climb on ice-covered rocks to reach the Simba Pass, and in a thick fog, to Top Hut (4790m). Some of us even reached the highest summit there, Point Lenana (4985m).

B. SAFARI

During the second part of our expedition, the Kenya-Tanzania safari, I had eleven opportunities to satisfy my collecting passion. In the huge Buffalo Springs Game Reserve, just adjacent to the Samburu Game Reserve, we were based in the luxurious Samburu Game Lodge (900m), on the bank of the river Uaso Nyiro. On the morning of 15 January, in our 4 VW-buses, we went outside of the park, into the desert-like savanna, to a Samburu village;

absolutely "natural" (not for tourists!). There, I preferred to collect in the surroundings instead of paying to invade the miserable huts of those primitive African people. This was really worthwhile and species found included the Pieridae, *Belenois zochalia crawshayi* Butler, *Belenois gidica westwoodi* Wallengren, and the two very similar *Colotis amatus amatus* Fabricius (*C. calais* Cramer) and *Colotis chrysonome* Klug.

At the feeble lamp of my case near the Lodge, I caught the geometrids *Chlorerythra rubiplaga extenuata* Prout, *Disclisio-procta natalata* Walker, *Semiothisa suriens* Strand, *Zamarada latilimbata* Rebel, and among the Noctuidae, *Agrotis pictifascia* Hampson, *Cardepia emmanueli* Berio, *Carcharoda flavirosea* Hampson, *Ozarba aldabrae* Berio, and *Asplenia melanodonta* Hampson.

On 17 and 18 January we stayed in the surroundings of the provincial city of Nyeri (1879m), a tourist center in a well cultivated region. Near our Hotel Outspan, I found the following: the Pieridae Pontia helice johnstoni Crowley, Colotis aurigenea Butler, Colotis hetaera Gerstecker, Colotis antevippe zera Lucas, Colotis evenina casta Gerstecker, Eurema brigitta Cramer, Eurema senegalensis bisinuata Butler, and moreover the nymphalids Danaus chrysippus Linnaeus, Acraea eponina Cramer, Hypolimnas mysippus Linnaeus, as well as the hesperiid Spialia matia Trimen, and the lycaenids Azanus jesous GuérinMénéville and Zizina knysna Trimen.

We made an excursion to Mt. Aberdare (or Ruhuru) — more than 3000m high — on 19 January. On these high plateaus, I discovered the same altitude-zone species as on Mt. Kenya: Issoria hanningtoni jeanneli (Nymphalidae) and Harpendyreus aequatorialis sharpiae (Lycaenidae). Also collected were the geometrids Xanthorhoe argenteolineata Aurivillius and Eupithecia medilunata Prout (near the splendid Queen's Cave Falls).

On 20 January we sailed on Lake Naivasha and admired its rich ornithological fauna. In the evening, at the external lamps of our Lake Naivasha Hotel (situated near the shore of the lake in a charming tree-planted landscape), I caught among others Cossus terebroides reussi Strand (Cossidae); the lymantriids Laelia impura Hering and Cropera stilpnaroma Hering; the geometrids Prasinocyma cissaria degenerata Prout, Scopula sagittilinea Warren, and Scopula dapharia Swinhoe, Discalma subcurvaria Mabille; the noctuid Micraxylia brosi Berio.

On the evening of the next day we reached Keekorok, the last station before the frontier of Tanzania, situated in the flat savanna of the Masai Mara Game Reserve. At the lights of the lodge, I caught among others, the lymantriid *Rhypopteryx inconspicua* Hampson and the noctuid *Eutelia discistriga* Walker.

After a pretty critical passage of the frontier (because of my poisonous killing pot), we reached our first station in Tanzania, Seronero Lodge. In the middle of the day, in the extended nauseating toilet (open night and day and brilliantly illuminated), I managed to make an impressive collection of Heterocera, causing much curiosity and hilarity among the numerous African users. I found, among others, the cossid Azygophleps inclusa petax Wallengren, the limacodid Parasa lanceolata Hering, the lasiocampids Bombycopsis conspersa Aurivillius, Anadiarsia punctifascia Walker, the arctiid Estigmene brosi Toulgoet, and the noctuids Sciomesa nyei Fletcher, Mocis conveniens Walker, Debrosania puechredoni Berio.



Fig. 2-6. Mt. Kenya National Park, Kenya: 2. Road to the meteorological station (2470m); 3. Rainforest near Mt. Kenya meteorlogical station, at tree limits (3050m); 4. Above tree line on Mt. Kenya plants on hill (3500m); 5. Teleki Valley, Mt. Kenya, (3800m); 6. Mackinder Camp (4100m), with Nelion (5188m) and Batian (5199m) peaks of Mt. Kenya in background, Kenya.



Fig. 10-20. 10. River Uaso Nyiro, Samburu, Kenya (900m); 11. Samburu village girl; 12. Samburu village woman; 13. Samburu shepherds; 14. Queen's Cave Falle Mt. Aberdare, Kenya; 15. Mt. Aberdare plateau (3000m), Kenya; 16. *Antanartia abyssinica* Felder at Mt. Aberdare, Kenya; 17. Keekorok, Masai Mara Game Reserve Kenya; 18. Serengeti lions, Tanzania; 19. Fort Ikoma Lodge, Tanzania; 20. Ndutu Lodge, Tanzania.

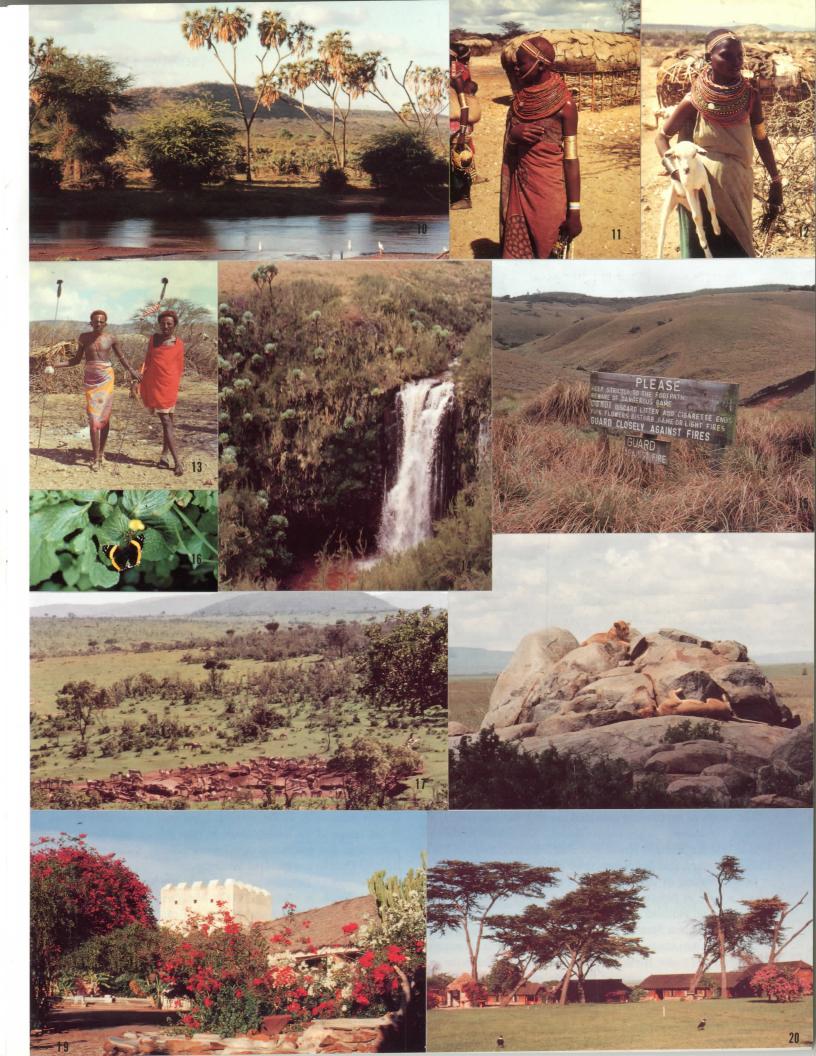




Fig. 21-24. 21. Ngorongoro Crater, Tanzania; 22. Papilio demodocus Esper (Papilionidae) at Lake Manyara Lodge, Tanzania; 23. Taranjire Lodge, Tanzania; 24. Diani Beach, outside of Leisure Lodge, near Mombasa, Kenya.

In the evening we stayed at Fort Ikoma Lodge, an ancient German fort of World War I 1914-1918 in what was then Tanganyika, built on the top of a very tactical hill, dominating the vast plain. It has been newly provided with all comforts for tourists, including a big swimming pool. On the rich flowerbeds I captured *Papilio demodocus* Esper (Papilionidae), perhaps hilltopping!

The lamps in the evening provided me with (among others) the arctiids *Spilosoma fuscovenata* Bartel, *Seirarctia postalbida* Gaede, and the noctuids *Hypotacha ochribasalis* Hampson, *Thria robusta* Walker, and *Sphingomorpha chlorea* Cramer.

In the evening of 23 January, in a picturesque group of tents under a roof at Ndutu Lodge, I found plenty of the saturniid *Goodia smithi* Holland (12 males, 1 female), and the eupterotid *Phialia tanganyica* Strand, the geometrid *Tephrina quadriplaga* Rothschild, the noctuids *Acanthonyx seriopuncta* Hampson, *Pandesma muricolor* Berio, and *Hypena strigatus* Fabricius.

On the next day we crossed the wide plain of the Serengeti, pastures of the well known Masai tribe of warrior-shepherds, where we saw quantities of big game animals. Without stopping, we passed the Olduvai Gorge — known to the anthropologists for bones of the early *Homo* species — and arrived at midday on the upper edge of the giant crater of Ngorongoro. Having left our VW bus, we went down steeply in 4x4 Landrovers to the plain at the bottom, where we could admire the stupendous herds of antilopes, buffalos, etc. For the first time it was gently raining, and my only capture was the small lycaenid *Azanus jesous* Guérin-Ménéville. In the evening, I had only a short time to look at the lamps of the oldest lodge in East Africa, and therefore a poor crop: the geometrid *Aphilopota calaria* Swinhoe and the noctuid *Ozarba corniculans* Wallengren.

Underway to Taranjire on 24 January, we had a welcome long stop for lunch in Manyara (Hotel Manyara Lodge). There we enjoyed a wonderful view of the African Rift Valley in the distance, bathing in a splendid swimming pool, while for me there was collecting on the flowerbeds in front of and near to the hotel. There again were numerous butterflies: the pierids Catopsilia florella Fabricius, Belenois aurota Fabricius, Colotis vesta catochrysops Butler, Colotis regina Trimen, Colotis danae pseudocaste Butler, Eurema brigitta Cramer and Eurema zoe

After having visited the national reserve of Lake Manyara at the bottom of the Rift, with its hords of baboons, rocklike hippos in the water and tree-climbing lions (because of the mosquito plague at ground-level), we arrived at the last lodge, Taranjire Lodge, in the afternoon. It was situated in an extended park where elephants walked quietly among scattered trees, just near our tents under a roof! After a refreshing shower, for a moment we had a stupendous glimpse of the white summit-dome of Kilimanjaro, emerging out of the evening haze far away. Going round the lamps, I found among others, the lymantriid Laelia impura Hering, the noctuids Prodotis stolida Fabricius, Grammodes exclusiva Pagenstecher, Brevipecten clearchus Fawcett and Brevipecten renilinea Gaede.

C. MOMBASA

The third and last part of our expedition, between 27 and 30 January, was devoted to resting and bathing in the warm Indian Ocean south of Mombasa, in the luxurious and climatised comfort of the well-named Leisure Lodge at Diani Beach. The moist heat, after the ideal climate of central Kenya, seriously reduced my spirit of enterprise. Nevertheless, I did my best and got out of the limits of the artificial paradise of our lodge. This exhausting effort was well rewarded. Contrasting terribly with the tourist area of the lodge, the hinterland was really depressing: a sort of grey, thorny bush, dry, desolate, and seemingly infinite. However, the pierids were particularly well represented, with striking apical colours: Belenois aurota Fabricius, Colotis amatus amatus Fabricius (calais Cramer), Colotis ione Godart, Colotis antevippe zera Lucas, and Colotis evagore antigone Boisduval; in addition, the nymphalid Byblia ilithya Drury and the lycaenid Lachnocnema durbani Trimen.

I abandoned collecting Heterocera at the lamps, out of pure laziness, generated by the heat even in the night, and did sea- and sun-bathing. To end with a flourish, at dawn on 30 January, the day of our departure for Mombasa airport and our return flight to Switzerland, I discovered in front of my balcony about ten black noctuids with striking orange spots, turning around in a leafy tree: Egybolis vaillantina (Stoll). Unforgettable, and incredible to see how the African employees arriving at Leisure Lodge for their daily work were amazed at the sight of an old white man in pajamas swinging a great black net, eager to catch his last tropical lepidoptera of East Africa!

SYSTEMATIC LIST OF LEPIDOPTERA COLLECTED JANUARY 1977

The list of species collected follows the most recent classification of Lepidoptera shown in various works, although species are listed alphabetically. Identifications have been made from available reference works and verified by leading specialists (note acknowledgments).

PSYCHIDAE

Acanthopsyche sp.

Diani Beach

COSSIDAE

Azygophleps inclusa petax Wallengren Seronero Naivasha Cossus terebroides reussi Strand

LIMACODIDAE

Parasa lanceolata Hering

Seronero

PYRALIDAE

Samburu; Taranjire Loxostege nudalis Hübner Seronero; Taranjire Synclera traducalis Zelelr

GEOMETRIDAE

Ennominae

Limonnac	
Aphilopota calaria Swinhoe	Ngorongoro
Discalma subcurvaria Mabille	Naivasha
Heterostegane elephantina Herbulot	Samburu
Omphalucha sp. (?brunnea or lignaria)	Seronero
Semiothisa suriens Strand	Samburu
Tephrina quadriplaga Rothschild	Ndutu
Zamarada latilimbata Rebel	Samburu

Geometrinae

Samburu Chlorerythra rubriplaga extenuata Prout Neromia rubripunctilla Prout Seronero Prasinocyma cissaria degenerata Prout Naivasha

Sterrhinae

Rhodometra sacraria Linnaeus Nyeri Scopula dapharia Swinhoe Naivasha Scopula sagittilinea Warren Naivasha Nanyuki-Nyeri Scopula silonaria Guenée

Larentiinae

Samburu Disclisioprocta natalata Walker Teleki Vy. Eupithecia hemiochrea Prout Mt. Aberdare; Queen's Cave Falls Eupithecia medilunata Prout Naro Moru Piereia subterlimbata Prout Mt. Aberdare; Xanthorhoe argenteolineata Aurivillius

Queen's Cave Falls

Xanthorhoe exorista Prout

Nanyuki-Nyeri

HESPERIIDAE

Mt. Kenya N. P. (2700m) Chondrolepis telisignata Butler Spialia matia Trimen Nyeri

PAPILIONIDAE

Papilio demodocus Esper

Ft. Ikoma; Ngorongoro

PIERIDAE

Belenois aurota Fabricius

Diani Beach; Manyara; Serengeti;

Mt. Kenya N.P.

Belenois creona boguensis Felder Belenois gidica westwoodi Wallengren

Samburu Samburu; Seronero

Ndutu

Ndutu; Naivasha

Ngorongoro Seronero

Naivasha

Keekorok

Seronero

Seronero

Ft. Ikoma

Ft. Ikoma

Ndutu

Seronero

Nairobi

Taranjire

Taranjire

Seronero

Naro Moru

Ft. Ikoma

Ft. Ikoma

Diani Beach

Ft. Ikoma

Seronero

Samburu

Naro Mort

Keekorol

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Sambur

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Naivash

Mt. Aberdar

Ngorongor

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Ndutu

Ndutu

Naro Moru

Belenois zochalia crawshayi Butler	Nanyuki; Nyeri; Samburu	EUPTEROTIDAE
Catopsilia florella Fabricius	Manyara	Phialia tanganyica Strand
Colias electo Linnaeus	Mt. Kenya N.P. (2500m)	CATIONIUDAE
Colotis amatus amatus Fabricius [= cala	is Cramer] Samburu;	SATURNIDAE
	Diani Beach	Goodia smithi Holland
Colotis antevippe zera Lucas	Nyeri; Seronero; Diani Beach;	NOTODONTIDAE
	Samburu	
Colotis aurigenea aurigenea Butler	Nyeri	Thaumetopoea apologetica
Colotis chrysonome chrysonome Klug	Samburu	LYMANTRIIDAE
Colotis danae pseudocaste Butler	Manyara; Serengeti	Bracharoa quadripunctata
Colotis evagore antigone Boisduval	Diani Beach; Seronero	Bracharoa ?reducta Hering
Colotis evenina casta Gerstecker	Nyeri; Seronero;	Cropera stilpnaroma Herir
	Diani Beach; Samburu	Euproctis fasciata Walker
Colotis evippe complexiva Butler	Diani Beach	Euproctis sp. (nr. fasciata)
Colotis hetaera hetaera Gerstecker	Nyeri Diani Beach	Laelia impura Hering
Colotis ione ione Godart		Rhypopteryx inconspicua I
Colotis regina regina Trimen	Manyara	Knypopieryx inconspicua 1
Colotis vesta catochrysops Butler	Manyara	ARCTIIDAE
Dixeia pigea Boisduval	Nairobi; Chania Falls	Estigmene brosi Toulgoët
	robi; Nyeri; Manyara; Serengeti	Maenas arborifera Butler
Eurema senegalensis bisinuata Butler	Nyeri	Seirarctia postalbida Gaed
Eurema zoe Hopf	Manyara	Spilosoma fuscovenata Ba
Pontia helice johnstoni Crowley	Nyeri; Nanyuki-Nyeri	Spirosoma juoco remana = sa
LYCAENIDAE		NOCTUIDAE
Anthene amarah amar Guérin	Samburu	Hypeninae
Azanus jesous Guérin-Ménéville	Samburu; Nyeri; Serengeti;	Hypena strigatus Fabricius
Azanus jesous Guerin Menerine	Ngorongoro	Rhynchodontodes ?antistro
Harpendyreus aequatorialis sharpiae B	utler Teleki Vy;	Ophiderinae
Mt Kenya (4000m); Queen's	s Cave Fall (Aberdare) (3000m)	Antarchaea flavalis Walke
Lachnocnema durbani Trimen	Diani Beach	Asplenia melanodonta Har
Lampides boeticus Linnaeus	Samburu; Nyeri	Brevipecten clearchus Fav
Leptotes pirithous Linnaeus	Khania Falls; Nairobi; Nyeri	Brevipecten renilinea Gae
Lycaenesthes emoleus Gerstecker	Nyeri	Debrosania puechredoni I
Zizina knysna Trimen	Nyeri; Manyara	Pandesma muricolor Beri
Zizula gaika Trimen	Nyeri; Naivasha; Serengeti	Pantydia dufayi Laporte
Zizutu guina Timon		Sphingomorpha chlorea C
NYMPHALIDAE		Thria robusta Walker
Danainae		Catocalinae
Danaus chrysippus Linnaeus	Nyeri; Serengeti; Manyara	Acanthonyx seriopuncta F
Acraeinae		Egybolis vaillantina Stoll
Acraea eponina Cramer	Nyeri	Grammodes exclusiva Pag
Nymphalinae		Hypotacha ochribasalis F
Antanartia abyssinica Felder	Mt. Aberdare; Nyeri	Mocis conveniens Walker
Byblia ilithya Drury	Diani Beach	Prodotis stolida Fabricius
Hypolimnas myssippus Linnaeus	Samburu; Nyeri; Manyara;	Tytrocha dispar Püngeler
, II	Seronero	Plusiinae
Issoria hanningtoni jeanneli Bernardi	Queen's Cave Fall (Aberdare);	Chrysodeixis acuta Walk
	Mt. Kenya N.P. (2500-3500m)	Ctenoplusia limbirena Gi
Junonia hierta Fabricius	Samburu; Serengeti; Manyara	Euteliinae
Junonia oenone Linnaeus	Nyeri; Manyara; Diani Beach	Eutelia discistriga Walke
Junonia sophia infracta Rogenhofer	Nanyuki-Equator	Acontiinae
Junonia terea elgiva Hewitson	Nairobi; Nyeri	Acontia discoidea Hoppf
Phalanta phalanta Drury	Manyara	Ozarba aldabrae Berio
Vanessa cardui Linnaeus	Mt. Kenya N.P. (2500-3500m)	Ozarba corniculans Wall
Satyrinae		Acronictinae
Cassionympha cassius Godart	Nyeri; Nanyuki-Nyeri	Carcharoda flavirosea H
		Amphipyrinae
LASIOCAMPIDAE		Sciomesa nyei Fletcher
	C	Spogoptera cillum Uniene

Anadiarsia punctifascia Walker

Bombycopsis conspersa Aurivillius

Goodia smithi Holland NOTODONTIDAE Thaumetopoea apologetica Strand LYMANTRIIDAE Bracharoa quadripunctata Wallengren Bracharoa ?reducta Hering Cropera stilpnaroma Hering Euproctis fasciata Walker Euproctis sp. (nr. fasciata) Laelia impura Hering Rhypopteryx inconspicua Hampson ARCTIIDAE Estigmene brosi Toulgoët Maenas arborifera Butler Seirarctia postalbida Gaede Spilosoma fuscovenata Bartel NOCTUIDAE Hypeninae Hypena strigatus Fabricius Rhynchodontodes ?antistropha Vari **Ophiderinae** Antarchaea flavalis Walker Asplenia melanodonta Hampson Brevipecten clearchus Fawcett Brevipecten renilinea Gaede Debrosania puechredoni Berio Pandesma muricolor Berio Pantydia dufayi Laporte Sphingomorpha chlorea Cramer Thria robusta Walker Catocalinae Acanthonyx seriopuncta Hampson Egybolis vaillantina Stoll Grammodes exclusiva Pagenstecher Hypotacha ochribasalis Hampson Mocis conveniens Walker Prodotis stolida Fabricius Tytrocha dispar Püngeler Plusiinae Chrysodeixis acuta Walker Ctenoplusia limbirena Guenée **Euteliinae** Eutelia discistriga Walker Acontiinae Acontia discoidea Hoppfinger Ozarba aldabrae Berio Ozarba corniculans Wallengren Acronictinae Carcharoda flavirosea Hampson **Amphipyrinae**

Seronero

Seronero

Spodoptera cilium Guenée

Spodoptera exempta Walker

Naro Moru; Samburu Diani Beach Naivasha; Ndutu; Taranjire Samburu; Taranjire Naro Moru; Samburu; Taranjire Naro Moru; Samburu; Taranjire

Hadeninae

Samburu Cardepia emmanueli Berio Graphania similima Berio Naro Moru Omphalestra bicristata Berio Naro Moru Tychomarptes inferior Guenée Naro Moru **Noctuinae** Samburu Agrotis pictifascia Hampson

Micraxylia brosi Berio Heliothinae

Heliothis (Helicoverpa) armigera Hübner

Samburu

Naro Moru; Taranjire

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