

Peer Review

Review of: "A New Record of *Elymnias caudata* Butler, 1871 (Insecta: Lepidoptera: Nymphalidae) from Nagpur in Central India"

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This short communication provides a clear and well-documented first record of *Elymnias caudata* from Nagpur, representing a meaningful faunistic addition to Central India and extending the known northern distribution of this endemic species. The manuscript is concise, the identification is supported by larval and adult photographs, and the discussion appropriately links the occurrence to the availability of ornamental Arecaceae host plants in urban green spaces. The contextualization within urban biodiversity and butterfly–plant relationships is relevant and strengthens the ecological significance of the finding. However, to improve scientific robustness and publication quality, several refinements are recommended: (1) include more precise documentation such as the exact date(s) of observation, number of individuals observed, behaviour (oviposition, feeding), and duration of monitoring; (2) clarify whether identification was confirmed by a taxonomic expert or through comparison with diagnostic keys beyond field guides; (3) discuss the possibility of range expansion versus accidental introduction (e.g., via ornamental plant trade) and briefly address climate change as a potential driver; (4) add a short section comparing this record with the nearest previously known locality to quantify range extension; (5) improve figure captions by adding scale or diagnostic morphological features; and (6) tighten minor language issues for clarity and scientific tone. Overall, the report is publishable and contributes useful distributional data, but incorporating stronger ecological interpretation and methodological detail would enhance its impact and credibility within insect science literature.

Declarations

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