

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

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The paper would significantly benefit from additional data on the observation details, which are crucial for understanding whether the occurrence of *Elymnias caudata* in Nagpur is incidental or indicative of a routine presence. For instance, the authors should specify the number of butterflies observed, along with the time and season of these sightings, to establish whether this record reflects a consistent population or a sporadic event. This information is critical for assessing the ecological dynamics of the species' presence in the region.

Moreover, providing a hotspot map to illustrate where *Elymnias caudata* was sighted within the study area, along with other butterfly-friendly regions, would enhance the paper's utility for conservation planning. The inclusion of pictures of the species' egg and pupa, in addition to the larva and adult butterfly, would offer a more complete representation of its lifecycle and aid in species identification for future studies. The paper briefly mentions larval host plants but does not delve into their distribution or abundance in the study area, nor does it discuss the availability of nectar plants (flowers) for adult butterflies. Mapping these plants alongside the sightings would add valuable context to understand habitat suitability.

Exploring the availability of larval host plants and nectar plants in more detail, both within and beyond the study site, could help clarify whether the observed presence of *Elymnias caudata* is sustainable or dependent on specific ecological conditions. Adding this information would enrich the ecological implications of the study, provide a foundation for further research, and enhance its relevance for conservation and urban biodiversity management.