

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

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The research reports the first record of the palmfly, *Elymnias caudata*, from Nagpur, based on the sighting of one caterpillar and subsequently one adult butterfly from the campus. Though many species of palms are reportedly present on the campus, mention was not made of the host plant on which the palmfly caterpillar was recorded. As this is the first record from the region, more studies are to be initiated to know the host range and bioecology of the butterfly species in the region. However, as the article reports a new addition to the diversity of butterfly fauna in Nagpur, it may be published as a short communication in the journal.

The host range studies may involve periodic surveys in the region and look for any symptoms of defoliation or the presence of caterpillars on different palms, including coconut, arecanut, and other ornamental palms. In bioecology studies, the influence of weather factors and the occurrence of any parasitoids or pathogens can be monitored. Also, the biology/life cycle of the pest can be studied in the laboratory on different palm species.

This can be published in the peer-reviewed journal, 'Insect Environment'.