

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

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The article is a brief note about the distribution of an endemic butterfly species. I believe that this type of article is useful for specialists in the field. I consider that the quality of the data must be ensured to affirm that the species has that distribution. As the authors mention, the host plant is present in the city of Nagpur, but this is not the only condition and resource necessary for the butterfly to thrive. It should be specified whether the conditions of the new site are similar to those of the known distribution, such as similar precipitation or temperature throughout the year. It would be helpful to mention whether the species has been reported in urban areas in the southern part of the country. They could also specify how frequent the records of this species are in its previously known distribution area—whether it is a common or rare species. Even though there is evidence of the species in the city, there are only records of one larva and one female; in my opinion, more evidence should be gathered to assert that an established population of this butterfly exists and that its distribution has truly expanded, rather than just involving a few specimens transported in ornamental plants. This would require more records of the species, both larvae and adults. Furthermore, it is very important to present the known and updated distribution with the new record of this species on a map, as this would help illustrate how much the distribution has expanded.

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