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Study of Insecta: Lepidoptera Rhopalocera (Butterflies) of Prayagraj, Uttar Pradesh

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Abstract: The study yielded the identification of 10 species belonging to 4 families of the order Lepidoptera and all these species are reported from Prayagraj and nearby district

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INTRODUCTION

The Rhopalocera fauna of Uttar Pradesh has been studied by Marshall and de Niceville (1882), de Niceville (1886, 1890), Evans (1932), Talbot (1939, 1947), Varshney (1993 and 1994), Sharma, 2007 and Wynter-Blyth (1957). The study yielded the identification of 10 species belonging to 4 families of the order Lepidoptera Rhopalocera and all these species are reported first time from Allahabad and nearby district.

SYSTEMATIC ACCOUNT

Family PAPILIONIDAE

Subfamily PAPILIONINAE

1. *Papilio demoleus* Linnaeus, 1758
The Lime Butterfly
2. *Leptosia nina* (Fabricius, 1793)

Family PIERIDAE

Subfamily COLIADINAE

3. *Eurema hecabe* (Linnaeus, 1758)
The Common Grass Yellow
4. *Eurema laeta* (Boisduval, 1836)
Spotless Grass Yellow
5. *Eurema brigitta* (Stoll, 1780)
Small Grass Yellow

Subfamily PIERINAE

6. *Cepora nerissa* (Fabricius, 1775)
Common Gull
7. *Pareronia valeria* (Cramer, 1776)
Common wanderer or Malayan wanderer

Family LYCAENIDAE

Subfamily POLYOMMATINAE

8. *Zizeeria knysna* (Trimen, 1862)
Dark Grass Blue

Family NYMPHALIDAE

Subfamily SATYRINAE

9. *Melanitis leda* (Linnaeus, 1758)
The Common Evening Brown

Subfamily DANAINAE

10. *Danaus chrysippus* (Linnaeus, 1758)
The Plain Tiger

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