

# Male mate location behaviour and encounter sites in a community of tropical butterflies: taxonomic and site associations and distinctions

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## Supplementary tables 1-3

**Supplementary table 1.** Mate location behaviours and groups (clusters) for butterfly species at Nagpur, India

Species	Family	Base Clusters <sup>1</sup>	Main clusters <sup>1</sup>	Perch <sup>2</sup>	Patrol <sup>2</sup>	Site fidelity <sup>2</sup>	Territorial defence <sup>2</sup>	Lek assembly <sup>2</sup>	Number sampled
<i>Graphium agamemnon</i> (Linnaeus)	Papilionidae	15	3	0	1	2	0	0	47
<i>Graphium doson</i> (C&R Felder)	Papilionidae	6	1	1	1	2	1	0	95
<i>Pachliopta aristolochiae</i> (Fabricius)	Papilionidae	15	3	0	1	2	0	0	44
<i>Pachliopta hector</i> (Linnaeus)	Papilionidae	15	3	0	1	2	0	0	48
<i>Papilio demoleus</i> (Linnaeus)	Papilionidae	5	1	1	1	2	1	1	109
<i>Papilio polytes</i> (Linnaeus)	Papilionidae	14	3	1	1	2	0	0	56
<i>Anaphaeis aurota</i> (Fabricius)	Pieridae	11	2	1	0	2	1	0	10
<i>Catopsilia pomona</i> (Fabricius)	Pieridae	5	1	1	1	2	1	1	112
<i>Catopsilia pyranthe</i> (Linnaeus)	Pieridae	14	3	1	1	2	0	0	102
<i>Cepora nerissa</i> (Fabricius)	Pieridae	10	2	1	0	2	0	0	40
<i>Colotis etrida</i> (Boisduval)	Pieridae	13	3	0	1	1	0	0	9
<i>Delias eucharis</i> (Linnaeus)	Pieridae	9	2	1	0	1	0	0	11
<i>Eurema hecabe</i> (Linnaeus)	Pieridae	4	1	1	1	2	0	1	45
<i>Eurema andersonii</i> (Moore)	Pieridae	15	3	0	1	2	0	0	44
<i>Eurema blanda</i> (Boisduval)	Pieridae	15	3	0	1	2	0	0	30
<i>Eurema brigitta</i> (Cramer)	Pieridae	14	3	1	1	2	0	0	90
<i>Eurema laeta</i> (Boisduval)	Pieridae	10	2	1	0	2	0	0	45
<i>Pareronia valeria</i> (Cramer)	Pieridae	8	2	1	0	1	1	0	4
<i>Ariadne ariadne</i> (Linnaeus)	Nymphalidae	9	2	1	0	1	0	0	46
<i>Ariadne merione</i> (Cramer)	Nymphalidae	13	3	0	1	1	0	0	49
<i>Byblia ilithyia</i> (Drury)	Nymphalidae	9	2	1	0	1	0	0	38
<i>Charaxes polyxena</i> (Fabricius)	Nymphalidae	9	2	1	0	1	0	0	9

**Supplementary table 1.** (Continued)

<i>Danaus chrysippus</i> (Linnaeus)	Nymphalidae	5	1	1	1	2	1	1	103
<i>Danaus genutia</i> (Cramer)	Nymphalidae	10	2	1	0	2	0	0	50
<i>Euploea core</i> (Cramer)	Nymphalidae	5	1	1	1	2	1	1	131
<i>Euthalia nais</i> (Forster)	Nymphalidae	9	2	1	0	1	0	0	14
<i>Hypolimnas bolina</i> (Linnaeus)	Nymphalidae	11	2	1	0	2	1	0	11
<i>Hypolimnas misippus</i> (Linnaeus)	Nymphalidae	6	1	1	1	2	1	0	98
<i>Junonia almana</i> (Linnaeus)	Nymphalidae	11	2	1	0	2	1	0	37
<i>Junonia atlites</i> (Linnaeus)	Nymphalidae	15	3	0	1	2	0	0	43
<i>Junonia hierta</i> (Fabricius)	Nymphalidae	3	1	0	1	2	1	0	10
<i>Junonia iphita</i> (Cramer)	Nymphalidae	11	2	1	0	2	1	0	11
<i>Junonia lemonias</i> (Linnaeus)	Nymphalidae	6	1	1	1	2	1	0	103
<i>Junonia orithya</i> (Linnaeus)	Nymphalidae	11	2	1	0	2	1	0	38
<i>Lethe europa</i> (Fabricius)	Nymphalidae	13	3	0	1	1	0	0	10
<i>Limenitis procris</i> (Cramer)	Nymphalidae	9	2	1	0	1	0	0	10
<i>Melanitis leda</i> (Linnaeus)	Nymphalidae	7	2	1	0	1	0	1	50
<i>Melanitis phedima</i> (Cramer)	Nymphalidae	9	2	1	0	1	0	0	9
<i>Mycalesis mineus</i> (Linnaeus)	Nymphalidae	9	2	1	0	1	0	0	41
<i>Mycalesis perseus</i> (Fabricius)	Nymphalidae	9	2	1	0	1	0	0	49
<i>Mycalesis subdita</i> (Moore)	Nymphalidae	9	2	1	0	1	0	0	8
<i>Neptis columella</i> (Cramer)	Nymphalidae	10	2	1	0	2	0	0	8
<i>Neptis hylas</i> (Linnaeus)	Nymphalidae	14	3	1	1	2	0	0	84
<i>Neptis jumbah</i> Moore	Nymphalidae	10	2	1	0	2	0	0	9
<i>Phalanta phalantha</i> (Drury)	Nymphalidae	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	61
<i>Tirumala limniace</i> (Cramer)	Nymphalidae	5	1	1	1	2	1	1	92
<i>Actolepis puspa</i> (Horsfield)	Lycaenidae	12	3	1	1	1	0	0	18
<i>Anthene emolus</i> (Godart)	Lycaenidae	13	3	0	1	1	0	0	11
<i>Anthene lycaenina</i> (C&R Felder)	Lycaenidae	9	2	1	0	1	0	0	8
<i>Castalius rosimon</i> (Fabricius)	Lycaenidae	13	3	0	1	1	0	0	37
<i>Catochrysops Strabo</i> (Fabricius)	Lycaenidae	2	1	0	1	1	1	0	43
<i>Chilades laius</i> (Stoll)	Lycaenidae	10	2	1	0	2	0	0	41
<i>Chilades pandava</i> (Horsfield)	Lycaenidae	5	1	1	1	2	1	1	91

**Supplementary table 1.** (Continued)

<i>Chilades parrhasius</i> (Butler)	Lycaenidae	14	3	1	1	2	0	0	77
<i>Euchrysops cnejus</i> (Fabricius)	Lycaenidae	12	3	1	1	1	0	0	69
<i>Everes lacturnus</i> (Godart)	Lycaenidae	9	2	1	0	1	0	0	9
<i>Chilades trochylus</i> Freyer	Lycaenidae	13	3	0	1	1	0	0	11
<i>Lampides boeticus</i> (Linnaeus)	Lycaenidae	9	2	1	0	1	0	0	48
<i>Leptotes plinius</i> Fabricius	Lycaenidae	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	49
<i>Prosotas nora</i> (C. Felder)	Lycaenidae	7	2	1	0	1	0	1	57
<i>Psuedozizeeria maha</i> (Kollar)	Lycaenidae	13	3	0	1	1	0	0	9
<i>Tarucus nara</i> Kollar	Lycaenidae	12	3	1	1	1	0	0	79
<i>Zizeeria karsandra</i> (Moore)	Lycaenidae	13	3	0	1	1	0	0	43
<i>Zizina otis</i> (Fabricius)	Lycaenidae	9	2	1	0	1	0	0	23
<i>Zizula hylax</i> (Fabricius)	Lycaenidae	12	3	1	1	1	0	0	53
<i>Baoris farri</i> (Moore)	Hesperiidae	10	2	1	0	2	0	0	11
<i>Borbo cinnara</i> (Wallace)	Hesperiidae	6	1	1	1	2	1	0	86
<i>Caltoris kumara</i> (Moore)	Hesperiidae	12	3	1	1	1	0	0	21
<i>Parnara naso</i> (Bremer & Grey)	Hesperiidae	8	2	1	0	1	1	0	9
<i>Pelopidas mathias</i> (Fabricius)	Hesperiidae	15	3	0	1	2	0	0	46
<i>Spialia galba</i> (Fabricius)	Hesperiidae	9	2	1	0	1	0	0	9
<i>Telicota ancilla</i> (Herrich-Schaffer)	Hesperiidae	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	40

<sup>1</sup>Clusters derived from SAHN UPGMA cluster analysis on Euclidean distances for 5 mate location behaviours (patrolling, perching, site fidelity, territorial defence and lek assembly). Base clusters are discrete groups with identical behaviour; main clusters are highest level groups prior to complete amalgamation in dendrogram; 1 to 3 relate to A to C in table 3 and figure 3. <sup>2</sup>Scores for perch, patrol, territorial defence and lek assembly: 0 absent, 1 present; scores for site fidelity: 1 low, 2 high.

**Supplementary table 2.** Significant associations between mate location behaviour and butterfly taxa with butterfly morphology, biotopes, landscape structures, resources and population variables.

(a) Significant associations between mate location behaviours and biotopes			(c) Significant associations between mate location behaviours and landscape structures (landmarks and edges)		
Variable pairs	Kendall tau	<i>P</i>	Variables pairs	Kendall tau	<i>P</i>
Perch and Sere 4	0.26	*	Perch and Bare patch	0.23	*
Patrol and Sere 2‡	0.31	***	Perch and Track‡	-0.38	***
Patrol and Sere 6	0.19	†	Perch and Shrub edge‡	0.39	***
Invariant perching and Sere 2‡	-0.31	***	Perch and Wood edge	0.22	*
Invariant perching and Sere 6	-0.19	†	Perch and Rock face‡	0.63	***
Invariant patrolling and Sere 4	-0.26	*	Perch and Stream bank‡	0.41	***
Perch-patrol and Sere 2	0.22	*	Patrol and Track‡	0.89	***
Perch-patrol and Sere 4	0.26	*	Patrol and Shrub edge	-0.17	†
Perch-patrol and Sere 6	0.27	**	Patrol and Rock face‡	-0.33	***
Site fidelity and Sere 2	0.17	†	Patrol and Stream bank	0.17	†
Site fidelity and Sere 3‡	0.32	***	Invariant perching and Track‡	-0.89	***
Site fidelity and Sere 4‡	0.39	***	Invariant perching and Shrub edge	0.17	†
Site fidelity and Sere 5	0.24	*	Invariant perching and Rock face‡	0.33	***
Territorial defence and Sere 2	0.19	†	Invariant perching and Stream bank	-0.17	†
Territorial defence and Sere 3‡	0.38	***	Invariant patrolling and Bare patch	-0.23	*
Territorial defence and Sere 4‡	0.45	***	Invariant patrolling and Track‡	0.38	***
Territorial defence and Sere 5	0.25	*	Invariant patrolling and Shrub edge‡	-0.39	***
Territorial defence and Sere 6‡	0.39	***	Invariant patrolling and Wood edge	-0.22	*
Lek assembly and Sere 4	0.19	†	Invariant patrolling and Rock face‡	-0.63	***
Lek assembly and Sere 5‡	0.32	***	Invariant patrolling and Stream bank‡	-0.41	***
Lek assembly and Sere 6‡	0.58	***	Perch-patrol and Bare patch	0.22	*
<i>N</i> = 72 species			Perch-patrol and Track‡	0.59	***
(b) Significant associations between butterfly taxa (families) and biotopes in which mate location behaviour has been observed			Perch-patrol and Shrub edge	0.17	†
Variable pairs	Kendall tau	<i>P</i>	Perch-patrol and Wood edge	0.19	†
Papilionidae and Sere 4	0.18	†	Perch-patrol and Rock face	0.21	*
Pieridae and Sere 5	0.23	*	Perch-patrol and Stream bank‡	0.55	***
Lycaenidae and Sere 3	-0.24	*	Perch-patrol and Hilltop‡	0.27	**
Lycaenidae and Sere 4‡	-0.25	**	Site fidelity and Track	0.20	†
Lycaenidae and Sere 5‡	-0.31	***	Site fidelity and Wood edge	-0.20	†
Lycaenidae and Sere 6	-0.20	†	Site fidelity and Hilltop	0.16	†
Nymphalidae and Sere 2	-0.22	*	Territorial defence and Shrub edge‡	0.33	***
Nymphalidae and Sere 5	0.22	*	Territorial defence and Rock face‡	0.31	**
Hesperiidae and Sere 1	-0.16	†	Territorial defence and Stream bank‡	0.38	***
Hesperiidae and Sere 5	-0.17	†	Territorial defence and Hilltop‡	0.29	**
<i>N</i> = 72 species			Lek assembly and Bare patch	0.17	†
			Lek assembly and Track	0.18	†

Lek assembly and Rock face	0.25	*
Lek assembly and Stream bank‡	0.30	**
Lek assembly and Hilltop‡	0.56	***

*N* = 72 species; track includes tracks through vegetation.  
Territorial defence and Wood edge *P* = 0.057

(d) Use of number of edge features<sup>1</sup> and male mate location behaviours

	Kendall tau	<i>P</i>
Use of number of edge features and Perch‡	0.43	***
Use of number of edge features and Patrol	0.19	†
Use of number of edge features and Territorial defence‡	0.43	***
Use of number of edge features and Lek assembly‡	0.27	**
Use of number of edge features and Invariant perching	-0.19	†
Use of number of edge features and Invariant patrolling‡	-0.43	***
Use of number of edge features and Perch-patrol‡	0.58	***

*N* = 72 species; <sup>1</sup>sum of the number of five edge features (vegetation and landform) used each variable having a binary score

(e) Significant associations between butterfly taxa (families) and landscape structures at which mate location behaviour has been observed

Variable pairs	Kendall tau	<i>P</i>
Papilionidae and Shrub edge	0.22	*
Papilionidae and Track‡	0.28	**
Papilionidae and Rock face‡	-0.35	***
Papilionidae and Stream bank	-0.19	†
Pieridae and Wood edge	-0.24	*
Lycaenidae and Track	0.17	†
Lycaenidae and Shrub edge‡	-0.27	**
Lycaenidae and Wood edge‡	0.29	**
Lycaenidae and Hilltop	-0.16	†
Nymphalidae and Shrub edge	-0.18	†
Nymphalidae and Track‡	-0.35	***
Nymphalidae and Shrub edge	0.18	†
Nymphalidae and Wood edge‡	-0.36	***
Nymphalidae and Rock face	0.22	*
Nymphalidae and Stream bank	0.19	†
Nymphalidae and Hilltop	0.23	*
Hesperiidae and Shrub edge	0.18	†
Hesperiidae and Wood edge‡	0.50	***

*N* = 72 species

(f) Significant associations of mate location behaviours with butterfly resource variables

Variable pairs	Kendall tau	<i>P</i>
Perch and HP predictability‡	0.29	**
Perch and HPela‡	0.34	***
Patrol and HP life form	0.17	†
Patrol and HPela‡	0.32	***
Patrol and HP dispersion‡	0.33	***
Patrol and HP abundance	0.22	*
Patrol and NE plants number‡	0.30	**
Patrol and NE events	0.23	*
Patrol and NE plants (relative number)	0.22	*
Invariant perching and HP life form	-0.17	†
Invariant perching and HPela‡	-0.32	***
Invariant perching and HP dispersion‡	-0.33	***
Invariant perching and HP abundance	-0.22	*
Invariant perching h and NE plants number‡	-0.30	**
Invariant perching and NE events	-0.23	*
Invariant perching and NE plants (relative number)	-0.22	*
Invariant patrolling and HP predictability‡	-0.29	**
Invariant patrolling and HPela‡	-0.34	***
Perch-patrol and HP life form	0.16	†
Perch-patrol and HP predictability‡	0.40	***
Perch-patrol and HPela‡	0.64	***
Perch-patrol and HP dispersion‡	0.45	***
Perch-patrol and HP abundance‡	0.29	**
Perch-patrol and NE plants number‡	0.36	***
Perch-patrol and NE events‡	0.31	**
Perch-patrol and NE plants (relative number)	0.25	*
Site fidelity and HP life form	0.20	†
Site fidelity and HP abundance	0.18	†
Site fidelity and NE plants number‡	0.39	***
Site fidelity and NE events‡	0.37	***
Site fidelity and NE plants (relative number) ‡	0.31	**
Territorial defence and HP predictability	0.23	*
Territorial defence and HPela‡	0.40	***
Territorial defence and HP dispersion	0.26	*
Territorial defence and HP abundance	0.18	†
Territorial defence and NE plants number‡	0.36	***
Territorial defence and NE events‡	0.44	***

Territorial defence and NE plants (relative number)	0.26	*	Invariant perching and HP track through herbs‡	-0.62	***
Lek assembly and HP predictability	0.17	†	Invariant perching and HP track through shrubs‡	-0.80	***
Lek assembly and HPela‡	0.35	***	Invariant perching and HP rock face‡	0.35	***
Lek assembly and HP dispersion	0.23	*	Invariant patrolling and HP track through herbs	0.26	*
Lek assembly and HP abundance‡	0.33	***	Invariant patrolling and HP track through shrubs‡	0.40	***
Lek assembly and NE plants number	0.21	†	Invariant patrolling and HP shrub edge‡	-0.43	***
Lek assembly and NE plants (relative number)	0.19	†	Invariant patrolling and HP wood edge	-0.23	*
MLB number and HP predictability‡	0.34	***	Invariant patrolling and HP rock face‡	-0.68	***
MLB number and HPela‡	0.62	***	Invariant patrolling and HP on hilltop	-0.20	†
MLB number and HP dispersion‡	0.37	***	Invariant patrolling and HP along stream bank‡	-0.43	***
MLB number and HP abundance‡	0.33	***	Perch-patrol and HP track through herbs‡	0.42	***
MLB number and NE plants number‡	0.41	***	Perch-patrol and HP track through shrubs‡	0.48	***
MLB number and NE events‡	0.39	***	Perch-patrol and HP shrub edge	0.26	*
MLB number and NE plants (relative number) ‡	0.29	**	Perch-patrol and HP wood edge‡	0.37	***
<i>N</i> = 69 to 72 species; MLB number, number of different mate location behaviours for species; HPela, HP edge and landform affiliation; HP, larval host plant; NE, nectar source.			Perch-patrol and HP rock face	0.24	*
(g) Significant associations of mate location behaviours with specific butterfly host plant edge and landform distributions			Perch-patrol and HP on hilltop‡	0.31	***
	Kendall tau	<i>P</i>	Perch-patrol and HP along stream bank‡	0.53	***
Perch and HP track through herbs	-0.26	*	<i>N</i> = 72 species; HP, larval host plant		
Perch and HP track through shrubs‡	-0.40	***	(h) Significant associations of mate location behaviours with population variables		
Perch and HP shrub edge‡	0.43	***	Variable pairs	Kendall tau	<i>P</i>
Perch and HP wood edge	0.23	*	Perch and Female abundance‡	-0.25	**
Perch and HP on rock face‡	0.68	***	Patrol and Relative population size	0.22	*
Perch and HP on hilltop	0.20	†	Invariant perching and Relative population size	-0.22	*
Perch and HP along stream bank‡	0.43	***	Invariant patrolling and Female abundance‡	0.25	**
Patrol and HP track through herbs‡	0.62	***	Perch-patrol and Relative population size‡	0.32	**
Patrol and HP track through shrubs‡	0.80	***	Site fidelity and Relative population size‡	0.32	***
Patrol and HP on rock face‡	-0.35	***	Territorial defence and Relative population size‡	0.30	**
Site fidelity and HP track through shrubs	0.23	*	Lek assembly and Relative population size	0.24	*
Territorial defence and HP shrub edge‡	0.43	***	MLB number and Relative population size‡	0.40	***
Territorial defence and HP wood edge	0.20	†	<i>N</i> = 72 species. Female abundance, number of females/total numbers of males and females; Relative population size, transect counts of species.		
Territorial defence and HP rock face‡	0.28	**			
Territorial defence and HP on hilltop	0.25	*			
Territorial defence and HP along stream bank‡	0.36	***			
Lek assembly and HP wood edge	0.19	†			
Lek assembly and HP on rock face	0.23	*			
Lek assembly and HP on hilltop‡	0.67	***			
Lek assembly and HP along stream bank‡	0.29	**			

(i) Significant associations of butterfly taxa (families) with butterfly resources and population variables

Variable pairs	Kendall tau	<i>P</i>
Papilionidae and HP life form‡	0.28	**
Papilionidae and NE plants (relative number)	0.20	†
Pieridae and NE plants number‡	0.27	**
Pieridae and NE events	0.24	*
Pieridae and NE plants (relative number)	0.21	†
Nymphalidae and NE plants (relative number)	-0.21	†
Hesperiidae and HP predictability	-0.18	†
Hesperiidae and HP abundance	-0.16	†

N = 69 to 72

(j) Significant associations of butterfly taxa (families) with specific butterfly host plant edge and landform distributions

Variable pairs	Kendall tau	<i>P</i>
Papilionidae and HP track through herbs	0.18	†
Papilionidae and HP track through shrubs	0.25	*
Papilionidae and HP on rock face‡	-0.37	***
Papilionidae and HPsbanks	-0.20	†
Lycaenidae and HP track through shrubs	0.25	*
Lycaenidae and HP shrub edge‡	-0.31	**
Lycaenidae and HP wood edge	0.19	†
Nymphalidae and HP track through herbs‡	-0.43	***
Nymphalidae and HP track through shrubs‡	-0.42	***
Nymphalidae and HP shrub edge‡	0.26	*
Nymphalidae and HP wood edge‡	-0.38	***
Nymphalidae and HP on rock face	0.24	*
Nymphalidae and HP along stream bank	0.23	*
Hesperiidae and HP track through herbs	0.20	†
Hesperiidae and HP wood edge‡	0.37	***

N = 72 species

† *P* < 0.05, \**P* < 0.01, \*\**P* < 0.001 \*\*\* *P* < 0.0001; (non significant pairs of relations at *P* < 0.05 not shown).‡ Bonferoni *P* < 0.05**Supplementary table 3.** Accession numbers of COI sequences retrieved from Genbank

Species	Number
<i>Graphium agamennnon</i>	AF170874
<i>Pachliopta hector</i>	EU792488
<i>Papilio demoleus</i>	DQ227731
<i>Papilio polytes</i>	AB192474
<i>Anaphaeis aurota</i>	EU792496
<i>Catopsilia pomona</i>	EF584854
<i>Catopsilia pyranthe</i>	EF584855
<i>Cepora nerissa</i>	EF584857
<i>Eurema hecabe</i>	EF584863
<i>Eurema blanda</i>	EF584861
<i>Eurema brigitta</i>	EF584862
<i>Pareronia valeria</i>	AY954753
<i>Ariadne ariadne</i>	AB501207
<i>Danaus chrysippus</i>	AF426165
<i>Danaus genutia</i>	AY256344
<i>Euthalia nais</i>	EU729476
<i>Hypolimnas bolina</i>	AY090224
<i>Hypolimnas misippus</i>	AY788635
<i>Junonia almana</i>	EU053289
<i>Junonia hierta</i>	EU053307
<i>Junonia iphita</i>	AY090225
<i>Junonia lemonias</i>	EU053308
<i>Junonia orithya</i>	EU053315
<i>Lethe europa</i>	EF053315
<i>Melanitis leda</i>	AY090207
<i>Mycalasis mineus</i>	EF545704
<i>Neptis hylas</i>	DQ821137
<i>Phalanta phalanta</i>	EU650049
<i>Tirumala limniace</i>	GQ864815