

Project Update: September 2014

Survey report on Butterfly diversity and conservation in Royal Manas National Park, Sarpang, Bhutan for up-date, conducted during the months of July to Sept. 2014.

Due to heavy and continuous rain and less bright sunny days, we encountered less number of additional species during survey. A total of 10 species were recorded in addition to previous survey. This makes a total of 168 species belonging to five major families.

We encountered butterfly species such as panther, common leopard, dark archduke and Indian red admiral of Nymphalidae between 108 – 1000 m. Indian tortoiseshell and club beak of Nymphalidae and common emigrant and pale jezebel of Pieridae were found above 2000m. We found maximum numbers of jezebel species on the wings during August and September.



Left: Female- dark archduke (*Lexias dirtea khasiana*). Right: Male-dark archduke.