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Current Status of Butterflies in Indian Wildlife Protection Act 1972

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Abstract

Butterflies play a crucial role in maintenance of ecological balance as they are important bio-indicators and are pollinators for various plant species. They are also crucial components of food chain and nutrient recycling as they are food to different animals like lizards, spiders, ants, birds and wasps. They have significant importance in cultural as well as aesthetic aspects. Despite their contribution to many ecological services, they face serious anthropological threats like climate change, illegal trade, deforestation, overgrazing, urbanization and habitat destruction. The Indian Wildlife Protection Act (IWPA) was enacted in 1972 by Government of India as a legal framework to protect and conserve the wildlife. It lists different animals, birds and reptiles under six schedules and provides varying degree of protection levels, prohibiting the hunting, poaching and finally focusing on conservation of flora and fauna of India. But the representation of butterflies in this act still remains very minimal. The major focus of this paper is to inquire into the previous and current status of butterflies in Indian wildlife protection act-1972 and analyze the critical gaps hindering the research and conservation aspects related to the butterflies. This paper will also focus on providing the most recent list of all the butterflies which are included in different schedules of the act.

Key Words: Butterflies, Bio-indicators, Climate change, Urbanization, IWPA, Conservation

Introduction

Butterflies belong to order Lepidoptera and class Insecta of phylum Arthropoda. They are one of the most beautiful colorful and vibrant creatures on the planet Earth (Prasannakumar and Vijaykumar, 2024). Their ecological importance is multifarious as they act as crucial bio-indicators and are very helpful in monitoring ecosystem health (Fordyce, 2003). They also are important pollinators and help in growth of various plants (Joshi *et al.*, 2020). Butterfly's ability to pollinate not just nectar plants, but also those with shallow corollas makes them inevitable part of diverse ecosystems (Kunte, 2000). But the populations of these delicate creatures face a lot of anthropogenic pressures in the form of habitat loss, climate change and illegal trading. Recent studies also highlight the alarming decline of butterfly populations and attribute it to many causes like deforestation, agricultural expansion, urbanization, over use of pesticides and monoculture farming (Naik *et al.*, 2022; Padhye *et al.*, 2006; Breerton *et al.*, 2011). All these factors call attention to urgent need for conservation efforts and various legal frameworks to safeguard our winged jewels.

The Government of India with the objective of protecting its unique and rich wildlife enacted an important piece of legislation in 1972 which is popularly called as the Indian Wildlife Protection Act of 1972 (IWPA). The act majorly focuses on preventing illegal trade, poaching and habitat destruction. In order to conserve wildlife, the act also gives provisions for governments to declare some wildlife rich areas of our country as protected areas like national parks, wildlife sanctuaries, and biosphere reserves. In order to protect and conserve wildlife, the IWPA includes both plants and animals under six different schedules. But the representation of butterflies in this act still remains very minimal even though their populations are declining at a very fast pace due to climate change, habitat loss etc...(Rathcke & Jules, 1997). The main aim of this paper is to analyze how the protection status of different butterflies has changed over the years from 1972 to present date in IWPA, its amendments and also provides a clear cut idea about the revised list of butterflies which are included in the latest amended version of the act.

Indian Wildlife Protection Act (IWPA) of 1972- A glance:

The Indian Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972 is a crucial piece of legislature which was enacted to conserve the rich biodiversity of India.

This act gives a legal framework for conserving the endangered fauna and flora. The various lists including animals and plants are categorized under 6 different schedules. The species listed under Schedule I and II are given highest level of protection and offences under these are prescribed the highest penalties (Menon, 2014). Animals listed in schedules III and IV are also protected, but the punishment and penalties are lower compared to schedule 1 and part 2 of schedule 2. The animals listed in Schedule V are commonly called as Vermin's which can be hunted (Mice, Rat, Flying Fox etc...). The Schedule VI is exclusively meant for conservation of plants. The collection, cultivation, extraction of any alkaloids, trading commercially etc...of plants and their derivatives listed in this schedule are prohibited (Ex-Red Vanda, Pitcher Plant, Ladies slipper)

Where do Butterflies stand in IWPA-1972??

As butterflies face numerous challenges and dangers to their survival, they are placed in different schedules of IWPA-1972. Majorly these tiny creatures are listed in Schedule-1, Schedule-2 and Schedule-4 for their conservation. But the listing of these insects is very minimal compared to other animals. Over the years, the IWPA-1972 has been amended 9 times (1982, 1986, 1991, 1993, 2003, 2006, 2013, 2021, and 2022). These amendments keep shuffling the list of animals from one schedule to another based on the present status of danger the particular animal is facing. This is a major point which should be noted by researchers when they are quoting different butterfly species under various schedules. For example- Crimson Rose butterfly (*Pachliopta hector*) and Danaid Eggfly (*Hypolimnas misippus*) butterfly were previously listed under Schedule-1 of IWPA but according to recent Wild Life (Protection) Amendment Act, 2022, they have been moved to Schedule -2. But many researchers still keep quoting them as schedule -1 species. The major focus of this paper is to provide the most recent list of butterflies which are protected under different schedules of IWPA-1972

Conclusion

Listing of any animal or plant under different schedules of Indian Wildlife (Protection) Act-1972 becomes crucial for its conservation. This will help in prioritizing the conservation efforts by understanding the different dangers the animals face and to safeguard their natural habitats. The butterflies which provide us with many ecological services also face a lot of dangers through anthropogenic pressures. Surveying of butterfly habitats and recognizing the different conservation strategies will boost the growth of butterfly populations. More focus should be given to identifying threats to butterflies of all families and provide even protection to them. The Table 1 gives a clear idea about unequal representation of different families of butterflies in IWPA-1972. Researchers working on butterflies should always refer to the latest amended acts while publishing in scientific literatures. This paper provides the most recent list of butterflies listed in different schedules of Indian Wildlife Act which was amended in 2022.

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Table 1 showing the numerical statistics about distribution of different butterfly families in IWPA-1972

Number of Butterflies listed in different schedules of IWPA						
Schedule	Family Hesperidae	Family Lycaenidae	Family Nymphalidae	Family Pieridae	Family Papilionidae	Total
Schedule I	0	75	0	5	16	96
Schedule II	2	110	135	17	28	290
Schedule IV	0	0	3	0	14	16
TOTAL = 403						

Table 2 showing the names of all butterflies listed in Schedule I of IWPA-1972

(<https://www.indiacode.nic.in/>)

Butterflies Listed In Schedule-1 OF IWPA-1972		
SI No.	Common Name	Scientific Name
Family Lycaenidae		
1.	Andaman Tailless Oakblue	<i>Arhopala zeta</i>
2.	Watson's Mottle	<i>Logania watsoniana</i>
3.	Watson's Hairstreak	<i>Theda lethra</i>
4.	Tytler's Dull Oakblue	<i>Arhopala ace</i>
5.	Purple-brown Tailless Oak.blue	<i>Arhopala arvina</i>
6.	Plain Tailless Oak.blue	<i>Arhopala asopia</i>
7.	Peacock Hairstreak	<i>Eusaspa pavo</i>
8.	Paona Hairstreak	<i>Shirozuozephyrus paona</i>
9.	Opal Oakblue	<i>Arhopala opalina</i>
10.	Naga Hedge Blue	<i>Oreolyce dohertyi</i>
11.	Moth Butterfly	<i>Liphyra brassolis</i>
12.	Mackwood 's Hairstreak	<i>Strymon mackwoodi</i>
13.	Kanara Oakblue	<i>Arhopala alea</i>
14.	Hybrid Sapphire	<i>Heliophorus hybrida</i>
15.	Great Dark.ie	<i>Allotinus drumila</i>
16.	Great Brownie	<i>Gerydus symethus</i>
17.	Ferruginous Hairstreak	<i>Ahlbergia leechii</i>
18.	Ferrar's Cerulean	<i>Jamides ferrari</i>
19.	Comic Oak.blue	<i>Arhopala comica</i>
20.	Chocolate Bushblue	<i>Arhopala ariel</i>
21.	Chinese Hairstreak	<i>Amblopala avidiena</i>
22.	Chestnut-and-plack Royal	<i>Tajuria yajna</i>
23.	Chapman's Hedge Blue	<i>Notarthurinus binghami</i>
24.	Cachar Mandarin Blue	<i>Charana cepheis</i>
25.	Broad banded Brilliant	<i>Simiskina phalena</i>
26.	Blue Posy	<i>Drupadia scaeva</i>
Family Nymphalidae		
27.	Andaman King Crow	<i>Euploea midamus roepstorff</i>
28.	White Spot Fritilliary	<i>Argynnis hegmone</i>
29.	White Emperor	<i>Helcyra hemina</i>
30.	Tytler's Emperor	<i>Eulaceura manipurensis</i>
31.	Tytler's Treebrown	<i>Lethe gemina</i>
32.	Tawny Emperor	<i>Chitoria ulupi</i>
33.	Spotted Black Crow	<i>Euploea crameri</i>
34.	Single Silverstripe	<i>Lethe ramadeva</i>
35.	Scarce Siren	<i>Hestina nicevillei</i>
36.	Scarce White Commodore	<i>Sumalia zulema</i>
37.	Scarce Red Forester	<i>Lethe distans</i>
38.	Scarce Lilacfork	<i>Lethe dura</i>
39.	Scarce Jester	<i>Symbrenthia silana</i>
40.	Scarce Catseye	<i>Coelites nothis</i>
41.	Scarce Blue Tiger	<i>Tirumala gautama</i>
42.	Pointed Palmfly	<i>Elymnias penaga</i>

43.	Pointed Palmfly	<i>Elymnias penaga</i>
44.	Peal's Palmfly	<i>Elymnias peali</i>
45.	Pallid Forester	<i>Lethe satyavati</i>
46.	Orchid Tit	<i>Chloria othona</i>
47.	Northern Jungle Queen	<i>Stichopthalma camadeva</i>
48.	Naga Duke	<i>Euthalia curvifascia</i>
49.	Mottled Argus	<i>Loxerebia narasirigha</i>
50.	Manipur Fivering	<i>Ypthima persimilis</i>
51.	Malayan Nawab	<i>Polyura moori sandakana</i>
52.	Malay Staff Sergeant	<i>Athyma reta moorei</i>
53.	Hockeystick Sailer	<i>Neptis nycteus</i>
54.	Hockeystick Sailer	<i>Phaedyma aspasia</i>
55.	Grand Duke	<i>Euthalia iva</i>
56.	Golden Emperor	<i>Dillpa morgiana</i>
57.	Fuliginous Sailer	<i>Neptis ebusa ebusa</i>
58.	Freak	<i>Calinaga buddha</i>
59.	Empress	<i>Sasakia funebris</i>
60.	Eastern Courtier	<i>Sophisa chandra</i>
61.	Dull Forester	<i>Lethe gulnihal</i>
62.	Dismal Mystic	<i>Lethe ocellata</i>
63.	Dark Wall	<i>Lasiommata menava</i>
64.	Common Duffer	<i>Discophora sondaica</i>
65.	Chestnut Rajah	<i>Charaxes dumfordi</i>
66.	Camberwell Beauty	<i>Nymphalis antiopa yedanula</i>
67.	Branded Yeoman	<i>Algia fasciata</i>
68.	Blue Nawab	<i>Polyura schreiber</i>
69.	Blue Duke	<i>Euthalia durga</i>
70.	Blue Begam	<i>Prothoe franck regalis</i>
71.	Blue Baron	<i>Euthalia telchinia</i>
72.	Bhutan Treebrown	<i>Lethe margaritae</i>
73.	Bhutan Sergeant	<i>Athyma jina</i>
74.	Banded Duffer	<i>Discophora deo</i>
75.	Bamboo Tree Brown	<i>Lethe europa</i>
Family Papilionidae		
76.	Banded Apollo	<i>Parnassius delphius</i>
77.	Yellow-crested Spangle	<i>Papilio elephenor</i>
78.	Varnished Apollo	<i>Parnassius acco</i>
79.	Nevill' s Windmill	<i>Byasa nevilli</i>
80.	Mystical Bhutan Glory	<i>Bhutanitis ludlowi</i>
81.	Malabar Banded Swallowtail	<i>Papilio liomedon</i>
82.	Ladak Banded Apollo	<i>Parnassius stoliczkanus</i>
83.	Krishna Peacock	<i>Papilio krishna</i>
84.	Kaiser-i-Hind	<i>Teinopalpus imperialis</i>
85.	Imperial Apollo	<i>Pamassius imperator</i>
86.	Himalayan Bhutan Glory	<i>Bhutanitis lidderdalii</i>
87.	Hannington Apollo	<i>Pamassius hanningtoni</i>
88.	de Niceville's Windmill	<i>Byasa polla</i>
89.	Common Clubtail	<i>Losaria coon</i>
90.	Chinese Windmill	<i>Byasa plutonius</i>
91.	Black Windmill	<i>Byasa crassipes</i>
Family Pieridae		
92.	Butler's Dwarf	<i>Baltia butleri</i>
93.	Pale Jezabel	<i>Delias sanaca</i>
94.	Lemon Clouded Yellow	<i>Colias thrasibulus</i>
95.	Green Banded White	<i>Pieris krueperi</i>
96.	Dwarf Clouded Yellow	<i>Colias dubia</i>

Table 3 showing the list of all butterflies listed in Schedule -2 of IWPA-1972 (<https://www.indiacode.nic.in/>)

Butterflies Listed In Schedule-2 OF IWPA-1972		
Sl No	Common Name	Scientific Name
Family Hesperidae		
1.	Orange-tailed Awlet	<i>Badamia sena</i>
2.	Indian Ace	<i>Halpe homolea</i>
Family Lycaenidae		
3.	Albo cerulean	<i>Udara albocaerulea</i>
4.	Wonderful Hairstreak	<i>Thermozephyrus ataxus zulla</i>
5.	Witch	<i>Araotes lapithis</i>
6.	White-tipped Lineblue	<i>Prosotas noreia</i>
7.	White-spotted Hairstreak	<i>Shizuyaozephyrus ziha</i>
8.	White Royal	<i>Pratapa deva</i>
9.	White Royal	<i>Tajuria illurgioides</i>
10.	White Royal	<i>Tajuria illurgis</i>
11.	White Cerulean	<i>Jamides pura</i>
12.	Violet Onyx	<i>Horaga onyx</i>
13.	Violet Onyx	<i>Horaga albimacula</i>
14.	Uncertain Royal	<i>Tajuria ister</i>
15.	Una	<i>Una usta</i>
16.	Tytler's Rosy Oakblue	<i>Arhopala allata suffusa</i>
17.	Tytler's Lascar	<i>Pantoporia bieti paona</i>
18.	Tytler's Green Hairstreak	<i>Chrysozephyrus vittatus</i>
19.	Truncate Imperial	<i>Cheritrella truncipennis</i>
20.	Tamil Oakblue	<i>Arhopala bazaloides</i>
21.	Tailless Phishblue	<i>Flos areste</i>
22.	Tailless Metallic Green Hairstreak	<i>Shirozuozeephyrus khasia</i>
23.	Tailless Lineblue	<i>Prosotas dubiosa</i>
24.	Tailless Bushblue	<i>Amblypodia ganesa</i>
25.	Sylhet Oakblue	<i>Arhopala silhetensis</i>
26.	Straightwing Blue	<i>Orthomiella pontis</i>
27.	Straightline Royal	<i>Tajuria diaeus</i>
28.	Straight Pierrot	<i>Caleta roxus</i>
29.	Spotted Pierrot	<i>Tarucus callinara</i>
30.	Spotless Oakblue	<i>Arhopala fulla</i>
31.	Small Green Underwing	<i>Albulina metallica</i>
32.	Silver-Streaked Acacia Blue	<i>Zinaspā todara</i>
33.	Silver Royal	<i>Ancema blanka</i>
34.	Silver Hairstreak	<i>Inomataozephyrus syla</i>
35.	Silver grey Silverline	<i>Spindasis nipalicus</i>
36.	Shot Flash	<i>Rapala buxaria</i>
37.	Scarce Slate Flash	<i>Rapala scintilla</i>
38.	Scarce Silverstreak Blue	<i>Iraota rochana</i>
39.	Scarce Shot Silverline	<i>Spindasis elima</i>
40.	Royal Cerulean	<i>Jamides caeruleus</i>
41.	Refulgent Flash	<i>Rapala refulgens</i>
42.	Red Imperial	<i>Suasa lisides</i>
43.	Powdered Green Hairstreak	<i>Chrysozephyrus zoa</i>
44.	Pointed Pierrot	<i>Niphanda cymbia</i>
45.	Pointed Lineblue	<i>Ionolyce helicon</i>
46.	Pointed Ciliate Blue	<i>Anthene lycaenina</i>
47.	Plane	<i>Bindahara phocides</i>
48.	Plain Plushblue	<i>Flos apidanus</i>
49.	Peacock Royal	<i>Tajuria cippus</i>
50.	Pallid Royal	<i>Tajuria albiploga</i>
51.	Pallid Oakblue	<i>Amblypodia alesia</i>
52.	Pale Spark	<i>Sinthusia virgo</i>

53.	Pale Grand Imperial	<i>Neocheritra fabronia</i>
54.	Pale Fourlineblue	<i>Nacaduba hermus</i>
55.	Pale Bushblue	<i>Arhopala aberrans</i>
56.	Nilgiri Tit	<i>Hypolycaena nilgirica</i>
57.	Narrow Spark	<i>Sinthusa nasaka</i>
58.	Naga Sapphire	<i>Heliophorus kohimensis</i>
59.	Moore's Cupid	<i>Shijimia moorei</i>
60.	Metallic Hedge Blue	<i>Callenya melaena</i>
61.	Metallic Cerulean	<i>Jamides alecto</i>
62.	Many-tailed Oakblue	<i>Thaduka multicaudata</i>
63.	Malayan	<i>Magisba malaya</i>
64.	Long-banded Silverline	<i>Spindasis lohita</i>
65.	Lister's Hairstreak	<i>Pamela dudgeonii</i>
66.	Lilac Silverline	<i>Apharitis lilacinus</i>
67.	Lilac Oakblue	<i>Arhopala camdeo</i>
68.	Kirbari Hairstreak	<i>Shirozuezephyrus kirbariensis</i>
69.	Khaki Silverline	<i>Spindasis rukmini</i>
70.	Kabru Green Hairstreak	<i>Chrysozephyrus kabrua</i>
71.	Jakama Hair streak	<i>Shirozuezephyrus jakamensis</i>
72.	Indigo Flash	<i>Rapala varuna</i>
73.	Hewitson's Dull Oakblue	<i>Arhopala oenea</i>
74.	Hedge Cupid	<i>Bothrinia cheneyi</i>
75.	Hampson's Hedge Blue	<i>Acytolepis lilacea</i>
76.	Green Sapphire	<i>Helipphorus androcles</i>
77.	Green Flash	<i>Artipe eryx</i>
78.	Great Spotted Blue	<i>Phengaris atroguttata</i>
79.	Glazed Oakblue	<i>Arhopala paralea</i>
80.	Frosted Cerulean	<i>Jamides kankena</i>
81.	Felder's Lineblue	<i>Catopyrops ancyra</i>
82.	Falcate Oakblue	<i>Mahathala ameria</i>
83.	Dusky Meadow Blue	<i>Alpherakya devanica</i>
84.	Dusky Bushblue	<i>Arhopala paraganesa</i>
85.	Dull Green Hairstreak	<i>Esakiozephyrus icana</i>
86.	de Niceville's Dull Oakblue	<i>Amblypodia agrata</i>
87.	Dark Tinsel	<i>Acupicta delicatum</i>
88.	Dark Mottle	<i>Logania distanti</i>
89.	Dark Blue Royal	<i>Pratapa icetas mishmia</i>
90.	Common Tinsel	<i>Catapoecilma major</i>
91.	Common Gem	<i>Poritia hewitsord</i>
92.	Chumbi Green Underwing	<i>Patricius younghusbandi</i>
93.	Chocolate Royal	<i>Remelana jangala</i>
94.	Chinese Royal	<i>Tajuria luculenta</i>
95.	Chestnut-and-black yajna	<i>Royal Tajuria</i>
96.	Cerulean Hairstreak	<i>Neozephyrus suroia</i>
97.	Brown Tit	<i>Hypolycaena theclodies nicobarica</i>
98.	Broad Spark	<i>Sinthusa chandrana</i>
99.	Branded Yamfly	<i>Yasoda tripunctata</i>
100.	Branded Royal	<i>Tajuria melastigma</i>
101.	Blue Tit	<i>Chliaria kina</i>
102.	Blue Quaker	<i>Pithecopus fulgens</i>
103.	Blue Gem	<i>Poritia erycinoides</i>
104.	Blue Darkie	<i>Allotinus subviolaceus</i>
105.	Black-branded Royal	<i>Tajuria culta</i>
106.	Black Cupid	<i>Tongeia kala</i>
107.	Bhutya Lineblue	<i>Prosotas bhutea</i>
108.	Barred Lineblue	<i>Prosotas aluta</i>
109.	Banded Royal	<i>Eliotiana jalindra</i>
110.	Assam Pierrot	<i>Tarucus waterstradti</i>
111.	Large Fourlineblue	<i>Nacaduba pactolus</i>

112.	Elwes' Silverline	<i>Spindasis elwesi</i>
Family Nymphalidae		
113.	Autumn Leaf	<i>Doleschallia bisaltide</i>
114.	Yellowjack Sailer	<i>Lasippa viraja nar</i>
115.	Yellow Rajah	<i>Charaxes marmax</i>
116.	Yellow Owl	<i>Neorina hilda</i>
117.	Yellow Kaiser	<i>Penthema lisarda</i>
118.	Yellow Argus	<i>Paralasa mani</i>
119.	Wood-Mason's Bushbrown	<i>Mycalesis suaveolens</i>
120.	Wizard	<i>Rhinopalpa polynice</i>
121.	White-ringed Meadowbrown	<i>Hyponephele davendra</i>
122.	White-edged Woodbrown	<i>Lethe visrava</i>
123.	White-edged Bushbrown	<i>Mycalesis mestra</i>
124.	Whitebar Bushbrown	<i>Mycalesis anoxias</i>
125.	White Owl	<i>Neorina patria</i>
126.	White Oakleaf	<i>Kallima albofasciata</i>
127.	White Commodore	<i>Parasarpa dudu</i>
128.	Wavy Maplet	<i>Chersonesia intermedia</i>
129.	Watson's Bushbrown	<i>Mycalesis adamsoni</i>
130.	Veined Labyrinth	<i>Lethe pulaha</i>
131.	Variiegated Sailer	<i>Neptis armandia</i>
132.	Variiegated Rajah	<i>Charaxes kahruba</i>
133.	Variiegated Fivering	<i>Ypthima methora</i>
134.	Unbroken Sergeant	<i>Athymapravara</i>
135.	Treble Silverstripe	<i>Lethe baladeva</i>
136.	Travancore Evening Brown	<i>Parantirrhoea marshalli</i>
137.	Tibetan Satyr	<i>Oeneis buddha</i>
138.	Tibetan Jewel Blue	<i>Phengaris eversmanni</i>
139.	Tawny Rajah	<i>Charaxes bemardus</i>
140.	Tamil Lacewing	<i>Cethosia nietneri</i>
141.	Tamil Catseye	<i>Zipotis saitis</i>
142.	Tailed Red Forester	<i>Lethe sinorix</i>
143.	Studded Sergeant	<i>Pantoporia asura</i>
144.	Striped Ringlet	<i>Ragadia crisilda</i>
145.	Stately Nawab	<i>Polyura dolon</i>
146.	Spotted Sailer	<i>Neptis magadh khasiana</i>
147.	Spotted Palmfly	<i>Elymnias malelas</i>
148.	Spotted Mystic	<i>Lethe tristigmata</i>
149.	Spotted Blue Crow	<i>Euploea midamus</i>
150.	Sordid Emperor	<i>Chitona sordida</i>
151.	Small Woodbrown	<i>Lethe nicetella</i>
152.	Small Silverfork	<i>Lethe jalaurida</i>
153.	Small Leopard	<i>Phalanta alcippe</i>
154.	Small Goldenfork	<i>Lethe atkinsoni</i>
155.	Siren	<i>Hestina persimilis</i>
156.	Silverstreak `	<i>Argynnis clara</i>
157.	Short-banded Sailer	<i>Phaedyma columella</i>
158.	Shandur Rockbrown	<i>Chazara heydenreichi</i>
159.	Sergeant Emperor	<i>Mimathyma chevana</i>
160.	Scarce Woodbrown	<i>Lethe siderea</i>
161.	Scarce Wall	<i>Lasiommata maerula</i>
162.	Scarce Tawny Rajah	<i>Charaxes aristogiton</i>
163.	Scarce Red Forester	<i>Lethe distans</i>
164.	Scarce Mountain Argus	<i>Erebia kalinda kalinda</i>
165.	Scarce Evening Brown	<i>Cyllogenes janetae</i>
166.	Scarce Blue Oakleaf	<i>Kallima knyvetti</i>
167.	Ringed Argus	<i>Cailerebia annada</i>
168.	Red-spot Duke	<i>Euthalia evelina</i>
169.	Red Lacewing	<i>Cethosia biblis</i>

170.	Queen of Spain Fritillary	<i>Issoria lathonia</i>
171.	Plain Tbxearing	<i>Ypthima lycus</i>
172.	Plain Bushbrown	<i>Mycalesis tnalsarida</i>
173.	Pasha	<i>Herona marathus</i>
174.	Panther	<i>Neurosigma siva</i>
175.	Pallid Argus	<i>Cailerebia scanda</i>
176.	Pale Green Sailer	<i>Neptis zaida</i>
177.	Pale Forester	<i>Lethe latiaris</i>
178.	Painted Courtesan	<i>Euripus consimilis</i>
179.	Naga Treebrown	<i>Lethe naga</i>
180.	Mountain Silverspot	<i>Issoria altissima</i>
181.	Moore's Bushbrown	<i>Mycalesis heri</i>
182.	Mongol Araschnia	<i>prorsoides dohertyi</i>
183.	Moeller's Silverfork	<i>Lethe moelteri</i>
184.	Marbled Map	<i>Cyrestis codes</i>
185.	Many-tufted Bushbrown	<i>Mycaleisis mystes</i>
186.	Manipur Woodbrown	<i>Lethe kanjupkula</i>
187.	Manipur Goldenfork	<i>Lethe kabrua</i>
188.	Malabar Tree Nymph	<i>Idea malabarica</i>
189.	Long-branded Blue Crow	<i>Euploea algea</i>
190.	Lepcha Bushbrown	<i>Mycalesis lepcha</i>
191.	Lavender Count	<i>Cynitia cocytus</i>
192.	Large Tawny Wall	<i>Raphicera satricus</i>
193.	Jezabel Palmfly	<i>Elymnias vasudeva</i>
194.	Jewelled Nawab	<i>Polyura delphis</i>
195.	Hockeystick Sailer	<i>Neptis manasa manasa</i>
196.	Highbrown Silverspot	<i>Argynnis jainadeva</i>
197.	Grey Count	<i>Cynitia lepidea</i>
198.	Grey Commodore	<i>Bhagadatta austenia</i>
199.	Grey Baron	<i>Euthalia anosia</i>
200.	Great Yellow	<i>Sailer Neptis radha</i>
201.	Great Sergeant	<i>Athyma larymna</i>
202.	Great Evening Brown	<i>Melanitis zitenius</i>
203.	Great Archduke	<i>Lexias cyanipardus</i>
204.	Grand Duchess	<i>Euthalia patala</i>
205.	French Duke	<i>Euthalia franciae</i>
206.	Freak	<i>Calinaga buddha</i>
207.	False Comma	<i>Polygonia l-album</i>
208.	Eastern Fivering	<i>Ypthima similis</i>
209.	Dot-dash Sergeant	<i>Athyma kanrva</i>
210.	Desert Fourring	<i>Ypthima bolanica</i>
211.	De Niceville's Bushbrown	<i>Mycalesis misenus</i>
212.	Dark Forester	<i>Lethe brisanda</i>
213.	Dark Forester	<i>Lethe goalpara</i>
214.	Dark Baron	<i>Euthalia merta</i>
215.	Dark Archduke	<i>Lexias dirtea</i>
216.	Danaid Eggfly	<i>Hypolimnas misippus</i>
217.	Creamy Sailer	<i>Neptis soma</i>
218.	Courtesan	<i>Euripus nyctelius</i>
219.	Common Nawab	<i>Polyura athamas</i>
220.	Common Forester	<i>Lethe insana</i>
221.	Common Beak	<i>Libythea lepita</i>
222.	Common Baron	<i>Euthalia aconthea</i>
223.	Common Archduke	<i>Lexias pardalis jadeitina</i>
224.	Commodore	<i>Auzakia danava</i>
225.	Comma	<i>Polygonia calbum</i>
226.	Clipper	<i>Parthenos sylvia</i>
227.	Clear Sailer	<i>Neptis clinia</i>
228.	Chinese Yellow Sailer	<i>Neptis cydippe kirbariensis</i>

229.	Chinese Bushbrown	<i>Mycalesis gotama</i>
230.	China Nawab	<i>Polyura narcaeus</i>
231.	Chestnut-streaked Sailer	<i>Neptis jumbah</i>
232.	Brown Prince	<i>Rohana parvata</i>
233.	Brown Forester	<i>Lethe serbonis</i>
234.	Brown Argus	<i>Ypthima hyagriva</i>
235.	Bronze Duke	<i>Euthalia nara</i>
236.	Broadstick Sailer	<i>Neptis narayana</i>
237.	Broad-banded Sailer	<i>Neptis sankara</i>
238.	Branded Evening Brown	<i>Cyllogenes suradeva</i>
239.	Blue-tailed Jester	<i>Symbrenthia niphanda</i>
240.	Blue Oakleaf	<i>Kallima horstfeldi</i>
241.	Blue Forester	<i>Lethe scanda</i>
242.	Blue Duchess	<i>Euthalia duda</i>
243.	Blackvein Sergeant	<i>Athyma ranga</i>
244.	Black Rajah	<i>Charaxes solon</i>
245.	Banded Marquis	<i>Euthalia teuta</i>
246.	Bamboo Treebrown	<i>Lethe europa</i>
247.	Dusky Labyrinth	<i>Neope yama</i>
Family Papilionidae		
248.	Andaman Mormon	<i>Papilio mayo</i>
249.	Tailed Redbreast	<i>Papilio bootes</i>
250.	Spotted Zebra	<i>Graphium megarus</i>
251.	Spotted Jay	<i>Graphium arycles</i>
252.	Southern Birdwing	<i>Troides minos</i>
253.	Scarce Jay	<i>Graphium albociliatis</i>
254.	Rose Windmill	<i>Byasa latreillei</i>
255.	Regal Apollo	<i>Parnassius charltonius</i>
256.	Malabar Banded Peacock	<i>Papilio buddha</i>
257.	Lesser Mime	<i>Papilio epycides</i>
258.	Keeled Apollo	<i>Parassius jacquemonti</i>
259.	Green Dragontail	<i>Lamproptera meges virescens</i>
260.	Great Jay	<i>Graphium eurypylus</i>
261.	Great Blue Mime	<i>Papilio paradoxa</i>
262.	Golden Birdwing	<i>Troides aeacus aeacus</i>
263.	Glassy Bluebottle	<i>Graphium cloanthus</i>
264.	Fourbar Swordtail	<i>Graphium agetes</i>
265.	Crimson Rose	<i>Pachliopta hector</i>
266.	Common Yellow Swallowtail	<i>Papilio machaon</i>
267.	Common Red Apollo	<i>Parnassius epaphus</i>
268.	Common Mime	<i>Chilasa clytia</i>
269.	Common Bluebottle	<i>Graphium sarpedon</i>
270.	Common Banded Peacock	<i>Papilio crino</i>
271.	Chinese Windmill	<i>Byasa plutonius</i>
272.	Chain Swordtail	<i>Graphium aristeus</i>
273.	Brown Gorgon	<i>Meandrusa lachinus</i>
274.	Blue-striped Mime	<i>Papilio slateri</i>
Family Pieridae		
275.	Bhutan Blackvein	<i>Aporia harrietae</i>
276.	Plain Puffin	<i>Appias indra</i>
277.	Pale Wanderer	<i>Pareronia avatar</i>
278.	Orange Clouded Yellow	<i>Colias stoliczkana</i>
279.	One-spot Grass Yellow	<i>Eurema andersoni</i>
280.	Lesser Gull	<i>Cepora nadina</i>
281.	Lesser Bath White	<i>Pontia chloridice</i>
282.	Ladak Clouded Yellow	<i>Colias ladakensis</i>
283.	Kashmir White	<i>Pieris deota</i>
284.	Fiery Clouded Yellow	<i>Colias eogene</i>
285.	Dusky Blackvein	<i>Aporia nabellica</i>

286.	Common Albatross	<i>Appias albina</i>
287.	Chocolate Albatross	<i>Appias lycida</i>
288.	Broadwing Jezabel	<i>Delias lativitta</i>
289.	Blue Nawab	<i>Appias wardii</i>
290.	Plain Sulphur	<i>Dercas lycorias</i>

Table 4 showing the list of all butterflies listed in Schedule -4 of IWPA-1972 (<https://www.indiacode.nic.in/>)

Butterflies Listed In Schedule-4 OF IWPA-1972		
SI No	Common Name	Scientific Name
Family Papilionidae		
1	Luzon Peacock Swallowtail.	<i>Achillides chikae chikae</i>
2	Peacock Swallowtail	<i>Achillides chikae hermeli</i>
3	Alexandra's Birdwing	<i>Ornithoptera alexandrae</i>
4	Jamaican Swallowtail	<i>Papilio homerus</i>
5	Burchell's Cattleheart	<i>Parides burchellanus</i>
6	Ceylon Rose	<i>Atrophaneura jophon</i>
7	Malabar Rose	<i>Atrophaneura pandiyana</i>
8	Bhutanitis spp.	<i>Bhutanitis spp.</i>
9	Ornithoptera spp	<i>Ornithoptera spp</i>
10	Corsican Swallowtail	<i>Papilio hospiton</i>
11	Mountain Apollo	<i>Parnassius apollo</i>
12	Teinopalpus spp.	<i>Teinopalpus spp.</i>
13	Trogonoptera spp	<i>Trogonoptera spp</i>
14	Troides spp	<i>Troides spp</i>
Family Nymphalidae		
15	White Spotted Agrias	<i>Agrias amydon boliviensis</i>
16	Godart's Morpho	<i>Morpho godartii lachaumei</i>
17	Buckleyana	<i>Prepona praeneste buckleyana</i>