

- Wet Season Form, common, collected from Phuntsholing.
17. **Cepora nandina nandina** (Lucas) Lesser Gull
Common, collected from Phuntsholing.
18. **Appias lyncida** M. Chocolate Albatross Common.
19. **Pieris napi montana** (Linnaeus) Green Veined White
Common.
20. **Ixias pyrene** (Linnaeus) Yellow Orange Tip
Common ♂ & ♀ collected from Tongsa.
21. **Hebomoia glaucippe** (Linnaeus) Great Orange Tip
Common, ♂ & ♀ collected from Phuntsholing, common at Tongsa.
22. **Catopsilia crocale** (Cramer) Common Emigrant
Common at Tongsa, Phuntsholing.

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27. STRANGE PRACTICE OF A CATERPILLAR — A CORRECTION

In a note titled "Strange practice of a Caterpillar", (1980, *J. Bombay nat. Hist. Soc.* Vol. 76 (2): 368-369) A.S. Bhaduri wrote, "...I found a medium big butterfly with white spotted black wings resting on the wall near that *Curcuma* plant. It was resting with its forewings upright and slightly apart and the hindwings resting flat, the white spots in the wings thus showing to advantage....I take it to be a *Hesperiid*."

Sevastopulo in a note with the same title (1981, *ibid.*, 77 (3): 532) wrote, "The butterfly with 'white-spotted black wings' observed on the near-by wall was almost certainly the imago that had emerged from the *Curcuma*-feeding caterpillar, probably *Celaenorrhinus* sp."

Sevastopulo's identification is wrong since

(a) *Curcuma* is not a foodplant of *Celaenorrhinus*. In fact *Celaenorrhinus* belongs to subfamily Pyrginae whose foodplants are restricted to the Dicotyledons, whereas *Curcuma* is a Monocotyledon. All Indian *Hesperiidae* feeding on Monocotyledons belong to subfamily *Hesperiinae*. (b) *Celaenorrhinus* sp. always settle with both wings flat; not in the manner described by Bhaduri.

On the basis of Bhaduri's description I would identify the butterfly as *Udaspes folus*, or, possibly *Notocrypta* sp.

Incidentally, a caterpillar I found on *Curcuma* in the Borivli National Park, Bombay on 12th July 1981 pupated on the 13th or 14th of that month and the butterfly which emerged on 20th July 1981 turned out to be *Udaspes folus*.

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